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Major blow to Putin as Finland joins NATO

The Nordic country's membership doubles Russia's border with NATO and represents a major change in Europe's security landscape. Finland adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II. But its leaders decided to join the world's biggest security alliance as its 31st member, months after Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine. The move is a political blow to Putin, who has complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia | P9

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14 FLIGHTS
DIVERTED FROM KIA

6 departing flights suffered major delays due to heavy rain & strong winds | P2

Don held, faces 34 felony charges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

DONALD Trump on Tuesday became the first former American president to be arrested after he formally turned himself in for a New York court hearing amid heavy security cover. As expected, he was not handcuffed when he was produced before the court around midnight India time.

He was silent and stone-faced when he entered the courtroom and left after about an hour.

The twice-impeached Republican pleaded not guilty to 34 charges of felony related to hush money paid to an adult film star ahead of the 2016 presidential race. The charges were revealed after his indictment by a Manhattan grand jury was unsealed in the court.

Former president Donald Trump sits at the defence table with his legal team in a Manhattan court on Tuesday | AP

The hearing marked a watershed moment for the US criminal and political system, as Trump is the leading Republican nominee for the 2024 White House race. Yet, President Joe Biden's office claimed the incumbent was paying little attention to the arraignment of his predecessor Donald Trump. "Obviously he will catch part of the news when he has a moment to catch up on news of the day but this is not a focus for him," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre claimed.

Earlier in the day, Trump waved to crowds outside the building before heading inside to be fingerprinted and processed. He arrived at court in an eight-car motorcade from Trump Tower, communicating in real time his anger at the process. After the arraignment, Trump is expected to be released because the charges against him don't require bail.

"Heading to Lower Manhattan, the Courthouse," the ex-president posted on his Truth Social platform. "Seems so SURREAL — WOW, they are going to ARREST ME. Can't believe this is happening in America. MAGA!"

Mughals, Dalit writers axed from CBSE texts

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

CHAPTERS on the Mughal Empire, central Islamic lands, democracy and diversity, among others, have been dropped in the revised National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) history books for Classes 6-12.

With allegations of right-wing ideology behind the move, NCERT Director Dinesh Prasad Sakhlani has said the revisions were made to reduce chances of overlapping, and were not because of any ideological reasons.

NCERT released the list of rationalised content for Class 6 to 12, a decision taken in 2022, post the Covid-19 pandemic. The changes will come into effect from the next academic year for students studying under the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) as well as state syllabus schools that follow the NCERT syllabus.

With the list of rationalised content posted, the issue has caused a controversy as chapters and content on the Mughal Empire, Dalit writers and democracy, among others, have been removed completely. Several prominent figures have criticised the rationalisation of the textbooks, alleging that it was being done to erase the influence of the Mughal Empire in India.

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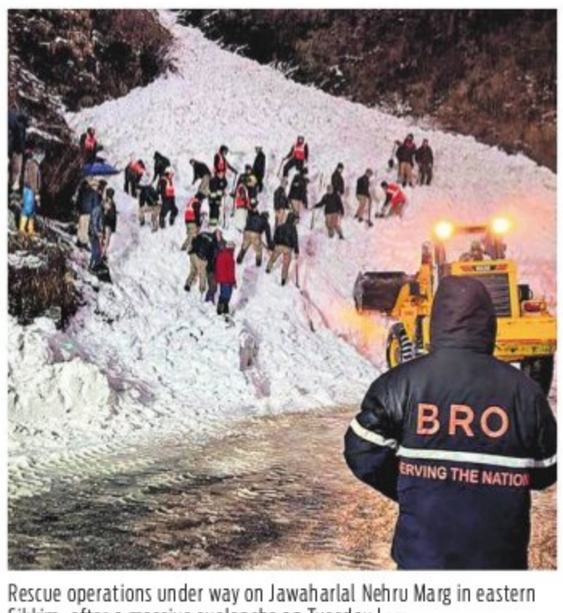
AVALANCHE IN SIKKIM KILLS 7

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

SEVEN tourists were killed and 11 others injured on Tuesday in a massive avalanche near the Nathu La pass in east Sikkim, on the border with China. The avalanche happened around 11.10 am on the Gangtok-Nathu La Jawaharlal Nehru Marg near the 15th milestone.

Tourists are not permitted to travel beyond Milestone 13 due to inclement weather, yet they forced tour operators and drivers to take them to the area where the incident happened, a police officer claimed. Army and Border Road Organisation personnel were deployed to rescue the trapped tourists. As many as 350 stranded tourists and 80 vehicles were rescued after clearing the snow from the road to Nathu La.

"Approximately five-six vehicles with 30-odd tourists on Nathu La were stuck under the snow. We rescued 27 people while seven of them succumbed to their injuries. Others were taken to a nearby Army medical facility. Search is on to find out whether more people are trapped under the snow," said a defence department spokesperson.



Rescue operations under way on Jawaharlal Nehru Marg in eastern Sikkim, after a massive avalanche on Tuesday | PTI

Woman, 70, waves red shorts, averts train mishap

VINCENT D'SOUZA @Mangaluru

A brave and alert 70-year-old woman, who has had heart surgery, ran 150 metres from her house, waved a red cloth and prevented an express train from crashing into a fallen tree on the railway tracks in the city recently. The incident occurred on March 21, but came to light recently.

The woman, Chandravathi, was honoured by the Railways on Wednesday for averting a major accident. She said she heard a loud noise like a mountain falling as she was preparing to take a nap after lunch. She immediately ran towards the railway track, which is around 150 metres from her house at Mandara near Pachanady between Padil and Jokatte. She found a large tree lying on the track, fully covering it.

It was 2.10 pm and the thought of Matsyagandha Express train leaving Mangaluru to Mumbai in the next 10 minutes sent shivers down her spine. P5

Chandravathi re-enacts how she waved the red cloth

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday:** 05/04/2023 • **Year:** Shobhakruta • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Chaitra • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Chaturdasi 8.47 am
• **Nakshatra:** Uttharaphalguni 11.01 am • Moon in Tula Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER | MIN 20°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST Showers late. Partly cloudy

Sunrise 6.13 am | Sunset 6.31 pm | Moonrise 5.58 pm | Moonset 5.38 am

YOUNG VOTERS DEPLORE RUCKUS IN HOUSE, DEFENCE OF SCAMSTERS

Politicians mired in controversy or are released from jails are celebrated, say students

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

POLITICIANS squabbling in the House, embroiled in petty politics, and how a party responds to scams and controversies -- all these are being closely watched by the youth which will influence the way they vote.

Calling the fights and bickering in Parliament or in the Assembly as shameful, second-year computer science engineering students of University of Visvesvaraya College (UVCE) told TNIE that the way a party responds to controversies is something they are observing before they vote.

"We don't know what a leader's mindset is, and whether he or she is actually involved in a scam. But after a scam or a controversy comes out, most political parties will still continue to support that leader, and allow him to contest. Even if a leader goes to jail, they continue to hold party positions. This means our votes are not important. We are made to look like fools. In the Assembly, they engage in fights, which is shameful," Prajwal N told TNIE.

In many cases, a student pointed out that politicians who are mired in a controversy or released from jail are lionised, rather than being kept at an arm's length.

"When politicians are released from prison, it is celebrated like a festival. If someone has committed a crime, we should avoid that person. Politicians who occupy high office and hold pivotal positions in the party should respect that place and position. They cannot talk whatever and however they want," said Suhas BM.

Controversies affect the overall development of the nation or a state, Vinutha VM told TNIE, and explained that "we should think whether the problem has been manufactured by the party and what has been done to resolve it."

"When we see MLAs misbehaving with others, we hesitate to approach them with our problems," Vinutha said. Asked what factors they consider while voting, the youth said they consider the individual, his or her party's ideologies, and opinion of the family members. "We look at the party's agenda and ideologies and the candidate. What has the party done during their term? Will a candidate respond to our plight? Will he or she bring about any changes and development? We talk politics over dinner, but at the end of the day, voting is secret," said Vaishnavi.

"Party politics is changing constantly, so we look at a candidate's politics. We also compare it to other states, and try to understand if the party has been working consistently. If there is no difference between the present and the earlier term, there's no point in re-electing a candidate," said Prajwal.

Include tobacco control in manifesto, parties urged

Bengaluru: Deploring the "cheap" marketing tactics by tobacco companies to which the children are falling prey to, SJ Chander, convenor, Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka (CFTFK), said political parties should include in their manifesto ways to keep children away from tobacco products. "Due to its addictive nature, they are hooked to it for their whole life," Chander said. The organisation has been working on tobacco control in the state since 2000. CFTFK and Associated Management of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka have written to all political parties to include protection of children from tobacco and hike tax on tobacco in their election manifesto, he said.

Find passion beyond work: Ram Guha

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

HISTORIAN and renowned author Ramachandra Guha advised graduating students of St John's Medical College and Hospital to look beyond their work and find their passion for art, literature or music, which will help them become better doctors.

Speaking at the college's 56th Graduation Day ceremony on Tuesday, he drew comparisons between writers and doctors, and explained that both require skill and knowledge and are not conventional jobs.

The generation of young doctors should find something that gives them and intrigues their interests, he said.This year, 244 health professionals were awarded their degrees, including 144 MBBS , 82 PGs, 17 super-specialty PGs and a PhD scholar. The pass percentage for the MBBS students was 85 per cent, 90 per cent for PG students and a hundred per cent for super speciality students.

Rev Dr Paul Parathazham, director, St John's National Academy of Health Sciences, emphasised on the need for doctors to find a balance between earning money and having a meaning in life.

EXPRESS READ

IISc, Gitam Uni, L&T join hands to address wastewater management

Bengaluru: The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Gitam University and the Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Water & Effluent Treatment (WET IC) division signed an MoU for research into w ater and wastewater management in India. "Our partnership will enable us to develop innovative, scalable and sustainable solutions that address India's challenges in water and wastewater transport & treatment, smart water management, and energy-neutral treatment plants," said S Jagannathan, V-P, WET IC.

Shias demand Vellara station be named after Sir Mirza Ismail

BENGALURU: The Anjuman-e-Imamia or Shia Muslim sect has demanded that the Metro Vellara Junction station in Bengaluru be named after Sir Mirza Ismail, who was Dewan of Mysore. Members of the Anjuman-e-Imamia had on March 31 submitted a petition to BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez, demanding that the station be named after Sir Mirza Ismail, who envisioned Bengaluru's development and contributed a lot to the state.

In a first, HAL clears ₹92 crore tax dues, agrees to pay ₹5cr annually

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

IN a first, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) received Rs 92 crore as property tax from HAL. BBMP Revenue Commissioner RL Deepak said they have been following up with the HAL on their tax dues and after a series of discussions and explaining their legal position, the Palike was successful in convincing HAL authorities to pay up Rs 5 crore annually henceforth as property tax. Earlier, the HAL used to pay around Rs 35 lakh as property tax.

"We conducted verification of HAL properties. A scientific valuation of the properties including school campus, HAL hospital, and places rented to banks, among others were undertaken. Assistant revenue officers from Mahadevapura Zone have done the calculations, and on the other hand HAL and BBMP also exchanged their opinions about their legal positions. After the final assessment, HAL was convinced and its CMD CB Ananthakrishnan agreed to clear the dues Rs 92.57 crore was paid through RTGS on March 31," said Deepak.

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Palike said that this will go a long way in convincing other public sectors to come on board to revise tax and clear their dues. "This move will avoid litigation, and will encourage central and state government undertakings to clear their dues," said Deepak.

The BBMP had recently offered a one time settlement scheme to clear property tax dues in the next six months from March 27. The Palike aims to generate an additional Rs 200 crore from this initiative.

STRONG CROSSWINDS

14 flights diverted from KIA, 6 delayed due to heavy rain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

TRAVEL plans of thousands of flyers went haywire on Tuesday evening due to poor weather at Bengaluru airport. Strong crosswinds and heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, lashed Kempegowda International Airport and its surroundings for nearly an hour, causing 14 incoming flights, including two international ones, to divert to neighbouring airports. Six departing flights suffered major delays and in a cascading effect, subsequent departures from Bengaluru and arrivals from across India also suffered major delays.

According to a source at airport operator Bangalore International Airport Limited, "Flights were impacted from 4.15pm to 5.10pm. Of 14 arrivals, 12 were diverted to Chennai, and one each was sent to Hyderabad and Coimbatore." This included seven Indigo flights, three Air Vistara, an Air India and an Akasa Air. Flights from Dubai and Phuket were also impacted. All the aircraft had to be refuelled at the diverted airports before returning to Bengaluru.

Chennai International Airport director Sharad Kumar confirmed the arrival of 12 flights to his airport. "They have all refuelled, and the last flight left to Bengaluru around 7.30pm," he told TNIE.

An official at the Airport Meteorological office said, "Gusty winds with a speed of 30-50 kmph (15 knots to 25 knots) were reported at 4.30pm. Visibility was only 1,000 metres but when weather is fine, visibility is over 6 km. There was 4-5 cm of rain."

Diverted flights

The Indigo flights arriving at Bengaluru from Dubai (6E 1486), Jodhpur (6E 6033), New Delhi (6E 2514), Dimapur (6E 958), Patna (6E 152) and Bareilly (6E 6534) were diverted to Chennai, while 6E6402 from Indore alone was diverted to Coimbatore. Two Vistara flights from Goa were diverted -- UK 512 to Hyderabad and UK 882 to Chennai -- while the New Delhi flight UK 819 was also sent to Chennai.

GoFirst's Phuket to Bengaluru flight (G8042), Air India's Delhi flight (AI 502), and Akasa Air's Hyderabad (QP 1429) and Goa flights (QP 1423) were also diverted to Chennai. Among the delayed departures were flights to Mumbai, Kochi, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Belagavi, Kolkata and Madurai. As a cascading effect, flights to and from other states to Bengaluru were also impacted. M Sharat Chandra, a Bengalurean waiting at Pune airport, said, "My flight was at 6.55 pm. We were informed that it would depart only at 8.55pm due to bad weather at Bengaluru airport. "

Heavy downpour lashes parts of Bengaluru, traffic takes a hit

Bengaluru: After weeks of sizzling high temperatures of over 34 degree Celsius, Bengaluru city got a breather as heavy rain, coupled with a thunderstorm, lashed most parts of the city on Monday. There was water-logging and slow-moving traffic across Bengaluru. While citizens across the city reported water logging, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) control room received no such reports. Residents, especially in East and South East Bengaluru, reported slow moving traffic on Outer Ring Road in Marathahalli and Varthur Kodi, near Whitefield, due to water-logging. Some also complained of stagnant knee-deep water. According to Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre, the rain gauge at HAL airport in Mahadevapura zone recorded 58.50mm rainfall and 58mm rainfall at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru Rural between 5.40pm and 6.30pm. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department informed that there will be thunderstorms, lightning and moderate spells of rainfall for the next two days.

New Nallurhalli Metro station flooded

ENS @Bengaluru

THE brand new Nallurhalli Metro Station, which falls in the Whitefield to KR Puram stretch launched a week ago by PM Narendra Modi, was flooded late Tuesday evening due to heavy rain that lashed some parts of the city. Two videos on the station were circulated widely on Twitter by the popular citizen movement, Whitefield Rising. The tweet said, "Inside the brand new Nallurhalli Metro station. Water on the platform as well as near the ticketing counter. One rain and water has seeped inside fully."

The Whitefield Rising member who shot the video told TNIE, "The platform level had water dripping from gaps in the roof and floor near the ticketing area was worse. Water was pouring down the sides and along the inner wall of the station. It's certainly not safe for travellers, especially if they're running to catch a train. One or two leaks is presumable when something is brand new. But water coming from so many places was surprising."

None of the Metro officials responded to repeated calls, and instead, were told to connect with Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL. They just stated that his staff was attending to the issue.

The tweet generated anger from the public who linked it to the upcoming election. Bharat Wasi responded, "It's nature's way of saying not to vote blindly just because few things were done before elections." Ashok Mruthyunjaya, a representative of AAP, tweeted, "This is what happens when you inaugurate half-baked works for the sake of election. I wish at least now people realise and vote for the better party who can honestly work for people."

BMRCL personnel clean the water from Nallurhalli Metro Station platform in Bengaluru on Tuesday

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

05th April : There's still a fair bit of tension around today, and too many people are inclined to snap and bicker. The reason I'm telling you this is not because there's nothing we can do about it: far from it. In my opinion it's the perfect moment for all of us to consciously slow down and give other people the benefit of the doubt.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This is a day for diplomacy, for sharing your feelings, plans and any good fortune with partners. This doesn't just mean spreading your net to include close friends, but also paying attention to people, perhaps at work, who could do with some emotional support.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
'Keep busy and stay active' should be your motto over the next two days. The Moon's angle to your sign is one of those which may not bring drama, but can push you step by step to a new and much more successful state of being. You might even hear something that makes you sit up and take notice of an old friend!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You may go through the day with a spring in your step, young at heart and confident that it is indeed possible to shrug off most cares and woes. It might be difficult to alter the attitudes of a lifetime, but you really should give it your best shot.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
It's time to consider exactly what to do about putting a deep-seated ambition into practice. There's no need for action just yet, but it will do you good to sort your ideas out and check the facts. And then you need to reassure a loved one who is feeling especially insecure.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's decision time, but the choices you'll make will probably be quite unimportant. You can therefore afford to take it easy, just as long, that is, as your communication skills are functioning on top form. What I mean is, you need to keep family members informed of your movements.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should pay very careful attention to the financial situation. On a purely mundane level it's a fine day for picking up bargains, but what could be more significant is what other people decide about your monetary future - and that may be out of your hands.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The Moon is now aligned with your sign, so you can finally afford to dictate the pace. Your actions will be determined by your rapidly changing moods, so other people may be bewildered or perplexed when you alter your ideas. Perhaps they should be more flexible!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You have learned a lot more about self-preservation lately, probably due to Saturn's slow transit through your chart. A momentary lack of confidence will be overcome with renewed effort and determination. And if you do face insurmountable obstacles, it might be time to pause for breath.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You will finally convince other people that you do need their help and support. At work you may concentrate on the long-term picture, and don't let trivial details obscure your vision. And you should get on with practical improvements at home - after a momentary lapse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Your main bone of contention relates to career or professional interests, but with the Moon so active you can probably make a success out of playing the diplomat. Realise that it is less important to push your own interests than to get other people to agree.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Long-distance developments seem to be the most important, and it's a suitable moment to get in touch with family members overseas. The legal situation may also need some attention, so check up on your rights. But that also means you have to be aware of your responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Nobody seems to be able to lighten your burden at the moment. With Mars so active, only you can take the necessary steps to secure an independent future, and that means not relying excessively on partners for emotional support. Stand on your own two feet and your confidence will climb sharply.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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7	2	5	6	3	9	1	8	4
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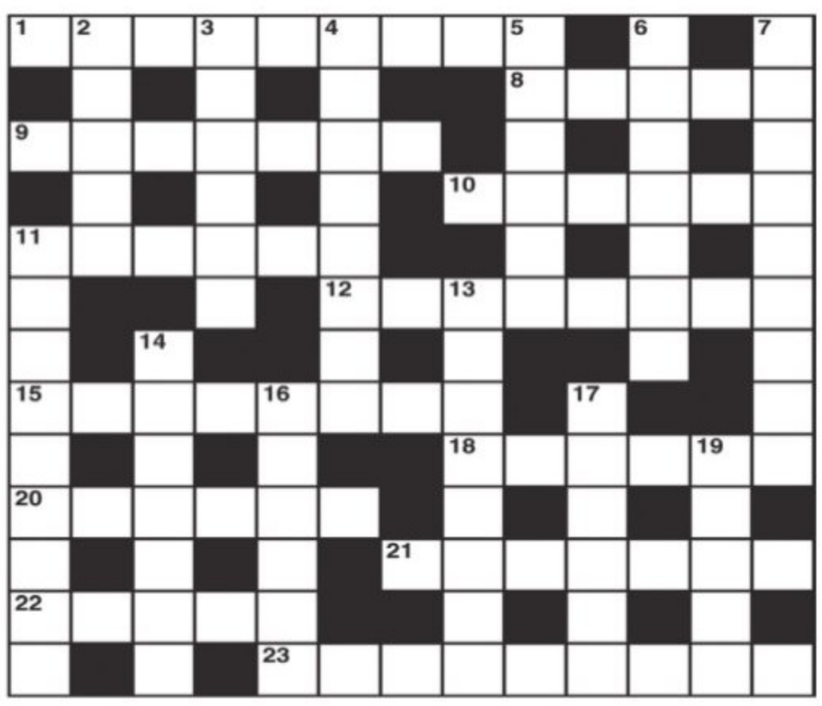
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Lean period when not working (5,4)
8 Growing girl? (5)
9 Excursion ending at nightfall (3,4)
10 Make distorted and wrongly formed (6)
11 Cry of the shrike (6)
12 Possibly relating to the whole (8)
15 Less familiar route followed by US commando (8)
18 Doctor got out of bed in a bad mood (6)
20 Answer is again wrong (6)
21 I find plenty wrong stupidly (7)
22 Convivial excuse for being tipsy? (5)
23 Salt recollected in sea song (9)

DOWN
2 Fruit at a penny each apiece (5)
3 Sell or tell (6)
4 Sovereign is underweight considering (8)
5 Spent two notes at a celebratory party (6)
6 Paints a flag? (7)
7 Mother badly alarmed in a jam (9)
11 Pay out as an underwriter (9)
13 End of an academic period in America (8)
14 Eloquently appealing for a zero assessment (7)
16 They tend not to know people well (6)
17 Saw the head for examination purposes? (6)
19 Girl takes on a hairdressing business (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Evinces, 4 Avoid, 7 Anti, 8 Elements, 10 Touch and go, 12 Sheikh, 13 Advent, 15 Sheet of ice, 18 Intended, 19 Dear, 20 Edges, 21 Enjoyed.

Down: 1 Enact, 2 Intrudes, 3 Silent, 4 Armageddon, 5 Owns, 6 Dissect, 9 Shake hands, 11 Delivery, 12 Saltire, 14 Severe, 16 Erred, 17 Stag.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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I've lost five pounds so far this year.
That's great! Keep it up! Or, I mean down.
2/6
WHEN HE STARTED EATING BETTER AND EXERCISING TO LOSE POUNDS, SHE SAID ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EXACT DINKY MISHAP INFAMY
Answer: When they randomly chose people to team up to play tennis, it was — MIX AND MATCH

Gold coated ornaments worth about Rs 1.47 crore have been seized by the Ulsoor police and the flying squad and static surveillance team near the Murphy Road Circle opposite Ulsoor lake in CV Raman Nagar Assembly segment on Monday night. While checking the vehicle, the officials found nearly 8.3 kg of gold coated ornaments without any receipts or documents. Three persons, including the driver, have been taken into custody

POTS FULL OF FAITH

Devotees arrive to perform kalasha pooje at Dharmaraya Swamy Temple as part of the famous Karaga festival on Tuesday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Nirbhaya Fund: Gang-raped B'deshi woman awarded ₹7L

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

IN a first in the state, and perhaps the country, a foreigner who was gang-raped by her compatriots in India, was awarded maximum compensation under the Nirbhaya Fund by the trial court.

The Bangladeshi woman (name withheld), aged 21, who was gang-raped by her compatriots in the city in May 2021, has found some justice in the court order. She is a victim of an international human trafficking network (she was trafficked when she was a minor), sexual exploitation and gang rape. She and another woman victim of human trafficking were repatriated to their country in May last year. The City Civil and Sessions Court, in its May 2022 order, stated that "in view of the severity of the offence and finding by the court" the "victim lady is entitled to compensation of Rs 7,00,000 under NALSA's (National Legal Services Authority) compensation scheme. The Government of Karnataka shall pay compensation of Rs 7,00,000 to the victim lady from 'Compensation Scheme for Women Victims' as provided under Section 357A CrPC (Amendment Act of 1973)." The section deals with compensation schemes for victims.

The court directed the District Legal Services Authority to award compensation immediately. The court took cognisance of the fact that the victim had left for Bangladesh and may not be secured for getting compensation, and requested DLSA "to secure the presence of the victim through video conference and...make e-payment to the account of the victim through the help of the complainant/police without securing her physical presence".

'Talaash Association', a city-based non-profit, human rights organisation is "facilitating the compensation to the victim", founder president, Talaash Association, Seema Diwan told TNIE. "Talaash had assisted the police to repatriate the victim, helped establish the nationality of the 12 accused – all Bangladeshis -- and is now facilitating the victim to get compensation under the Nirbhaya Fund," she added. Between 2014 and 2019, Talaash had helped police repatriate 300 illegal Bangladeshis from Bengaluru city, Bengaluru rural, Belagavi and Vijayapura districts to their country, said Diwan.

The gang-rape survivor spoke to TNIE over phone, and said she is trying to rebuild her life in her village Kishoregunj in Bangladesh, after the trauma she underwent of being dumped by her husband. "I was financially and emotionally very weak. I was promised a job in a beauty parlour in Bengaluru for a monthly salary of Rs 40,000 by my friend Riya, instead, I was forced into the sex trade there by people known to me. Riya had assured me that people would help me cross the India-Bangladesh border. I crossed the border at night on a payment of 10,000 Takas. On reaching Kolkata, a man received us and handed me an Aadhaar card with my photograph, and name as Nadia from Dhantola (West Bengal), a SIM and my flight ticket to Bengaluru," she said.

She was gang-raped by her compatriots in a rented flat in Ramamurthy Nagar in May 2021 after she "helped some trafficked Bangladeshi women escape from the network of the accused", according to the survivor. Police arrested the 12 accused and filed the chargesheet in July the same year. The case was investigated and the accused were charge-sheeted by the National Investigation Agency for illegal entry into India, human trafficking, forgery, using forged documents to obtain Indian identity cards such as Aadhaar card, PAN card for themselves and their victims, and criminal conspiracy, among other charges.

TTE, who misbehaved with woman, loses job

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

FOLLOWING a series of complaints pertaining to misdemeanours with public and dereliction of duty by Deputy Chief Ticketing Inspector **V Santhosh Kumar**, his services were terminated by the South Western Railway Zone recently. He shot to national notoriety after a video of him abusing and misbehaving with a young woman at Krishnarajapuram railway station on March 14 went viral.

The woman filed an FIR against him at the Government Railway Police station at Bengaluru Cantonment under Section 354 of the IPC (criminal force used to outrage the modesty of a woman) on March 17. It has now come to light that Kumar was dismissed a day later.

The Bengaluru Railway Division had suspended him immediately after the video was released on social media. Three internal chargesheets had been filed with the Division against Kumar and the latest incident seems to be the last straw.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Administration, Bengaluru Division, Kusuma Hariprasad said, "There were previous complaints against him from the public and inquiries were on. They pertained to frequent absenteeism and rude behaviour with the public."

A top railway source said, "Kumar had been chargesheeted thrice already by the division. Inquiries were on. His targets pertaining to ticket collections were never met."

The GRP arrested Santhosh on March 21 and produced him before the 14th judicial magistrate who sent him to jail. "After three days at Parappana Agrahara jail, he obtained bail," a cop said.

OVERSTAYING NIGERIAN MAN SENT TO DETENTION CENTRE

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

EXPRESSING serious concern over allowing a Nigerian national to stay illegally for over nine years after his visa expired in 2013, and cheating Indian citizens on the pretext of providing a job, a sessions court in the city ordered that he be sent to a detention centre.

The accused Nwokacha Casmir Ikemba, 39, is wanted by city police, besides Karur police in Tamil Nadu, and Cyber Crime Police of Hyderabad in Telangana. Though the accused is allowed a bail plea, Sessions court Judge Sadananda Nagappa Naik directed the trial court to inform the competent authorities to send him to a detention centre in the city till the trial is concluded, at the time of releasing him.

"In fact, such an act of overstay is a real threat to the security of the nation. It will also interfere with the life and liberty of Indian citizens. Other countries do not tolerate Indian citizens overstaying..." the court observed.

The court said the alleged act of the petitioner cheating Indian citizens by transferring money from their accounts on the pretext of providing a job, is also a serious offence. The investigating officers' report stated that the accused had opened more than seven bank accounts and 13 e-mail accounts in his name, and cheated Indians on the pretext of providing management, staff nurse and chef jobs. He had collected huge funds in the name of visa clearance fees, anti-terrorist declaration fees, medical clearance etc.

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>
> Sessions court

₹34L for nurse job in London

The complainant Malar Kodi is alleged to have received an e-mail, informing that they found her curriculum vitae on indeed.com and naukri.com, and offered her a nurse's job in London. As per instructions, she had deposited processing charges from time to time in pounds, and made 16 transactions from November 15, 2022, to January 7, 2023, amounting to Rs 34,39,100. Despite this, her job was not secured by the accused.

Duo who took flights to rob held, items worth ₹67L seized

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THIEVES who took flights, rented high-end cars to commit thefts in the city have been arrested by the Amruthahally police. Gold, silver and other valuables worth around Rs 67 lakhs pertaining to 11 house theft cases have been recovered. The accused shifted their base to city after the Mumbai police were on their lookout.

The arrested duo identified as Saleem Rafique Sheikh (46), alias Bombay Saleem, and Yasin Makbul Khan (47) are from Maharashtra. One kilogram of gold, 6.5 kilograms of silver ornaments and other valuables have been recovered from the two. They had committed house thefts in Amruthahally, Kodigehalli, MICO Layout, RR Nagar, and even in Tumakuru and Belagavi. Of the two, Khan is involved in around 35 cases and has jumped bail.

According to police, Saleem used to wear the stolen ornaments and upload videos on social media.

The duo had committed theft in the house of R Girish, located in Amruthanagar, B sector, on January 23 this year, when the family had gone to Tirupati. Girish who works as a manager in a private firm in Electronic City had filed a complaint with the jurisdictional Amruthahally police who checked the CCTV footages in the vicinity and found that the two were professional thieves. The accused kept shifting their hideouts from Mumbai, Gujarat and other places. The police finally managed to nab them in Mumbai and have placed them in custody.

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/01 - 2022-23

Tenders are invited through E-Tendering in SRM system from the registered vendors for Supply of the following:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakh) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0502/0323 (RFx No. 5000001096) (Two-Bid System) Procurement 25MVA, 220/33KV (1 No.); 25MVA, 132/33KV (1 No.); 50MVA, 132/33KV (3 Nos.); 50MVA, 220/33KV (4 Nos.); 100MVA, 220/132KV (1 No.); 100MVA, 220/33-33KV (02 Nos.) & 200MVA, 220/132/ 11KV (1 No.) Power Transformers along with New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Aurangabad, Nashik & Pune Zone.	7,363.68	02.05.2023 up to 17:00 Hrs.
	25,000/- (Excluding Taxes)	02.05.2023 at 17:15 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C) Tel. No.: 022-26474211 / 022-26472131 Extn. 2493/3667 Mobile No.: 08329909813 e-mail ID: **eepc@mahatransco.in, eegrp5@mahatransco.in**
For further details, visit our website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website **www.mahatransco.in** So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **SRI.D.N.SURESH** S/o Sri.D.K.Nagaraj and his wife **SMT.MEERA SURESH,** residing at No.65/6, 21st Cross, 3rd Main, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 082.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.10** (CITB/BDA Site No.248), PID No.62-124-10, measuring East to West 60ft and North to South 40ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at 4th Main, 1st Block Jayanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Trust Board Land
West by : 10th 'D' Main (4th Main Road)
North by : Site No.247
South by : Trust Board Land

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE IT KNOWN to the General Public that my client has negotiated to purchase Immovable Property being D.C. Converted Residential Vacant Site bearing No.73, New Meenukunte Grama Panchayath Khatha No.684/136/73, PID No.150202009007002 61, formed in Converted Land bearing Sy.No.135 and 136, of Huttanahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. The Site totally measuring East to West: 40' Feet and North to South: 75' Feet, totally measuring 3000 Square Feet and bounded on the:

East by : Plot No.74 **West by** : Plot No.72
North by : Road and **South by** : Plot No.54

from its absolute owner one Mr. C.DHANANJAY, son of Mr. C.P.Sarathy, residing at No.50, 8th B Main, 4th C Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-560034, who claims to have acquired the said property from its previous owner Mr. Errol Fernandes, Proprietor of M/s. Ferns Estates & Developers, through a registered Sale Deed dated 26/12/2006.

The present owner of the property Mr. C. Dhananjay, claims to have lost the Original Sale Deed dated 26.12.2006 of the Site No.73, registered as Document No.YAN-1-25963-2006-07, of Book-I, C.D.No.YAND269, registered on 27.01.2007, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore and in this regard Mr. C.Dhananjay, has also lodged a Police Lost Report No.211648/2018, dated 06/12/2018 and also taken Public Notice in Deccan Chronicle New Paper dated 11.12.2018.

Other than above named Seller/owner. Any person/s, Legal heirs, Family members, Banks, Financial Institutions, Co-operative Societies, etc., having/asserting any sort of right, title and or interest/claim over the captioned property may respond in writing with documentary proof of his/her/their/its title or objections, to the undersigned, within SEVEN DAYS from the date of this publication after which date my clients will proceed to conclude the Purchase of the captioned property on the basis of Certified Copy of the Sale Deed dated 06.12.2018, issued by the office of the Sub-Registrar and also on the basis that there are no impediments to the sale of the captioned property.

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FORM NO. NCLT. 3A
Advertisement detailing petition [see rule 35]
C.P.(IB) No. 20/BB/2023
Notice of petition

A petition under section 7 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 for initiation of insolvency and bankruptcy proceedings against Arisu Retail Private Limited was presented by PDB Ventures Pvt Ltd. on the 24th day of February 2023 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before Bengaluru bench of National Company LawTribunal on 19.04.2023. Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the saidpetition should send to the petitioner's advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the petitioner's advocate not later than 'two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Dated: 05-04-2023

Tahura Anzar (Advocate for petitioner)
No: 281, KHB Colony, 3rd Cross,5th Block,
Koramangala - 560095 Mob: 8095371495
Email id : tahuraanzar.adv@gmail.com

RFP No. 723 Dated 3.4.2023
VT-II-02/2023

State Council for Technical Education & Vocational Training, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

KK-03: RFP is invited from Eligible and Experienced Bidders or Agencies for **Empanelment of Training Service Providers for Training of Faculties in Govt. Polytechnics & Govt. ITI s in Odisha.**

Bidders may view and study the RFP document containing the detailed terms & conditions from the website https://sctevtodisha.nic.in/en/ to be available from 10/4/2023. The bids are to be submitted as per procedure given in this document.

OIPR- 44002/11/0001/2324 **Sd/- Vice-Chairman**

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No.:SVPISTM/Recrtt-Civil/2023-24 DT. 03.04.2023

Applications are invited for the post of

CIVIL ENGINEER

Minimum Qualification: B.E (Civil) from a recognized university with 50% marks. **Age Limit :** Should not exceed 35 years.

The last date for receipt of applications is **20.04.2023, 5.00 P.M.**

For further details, please visit : **www.svpitm.ac.in**

Director.

HDFC **HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD.**

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Corporate Identity No. L70100MH1977PLC019916
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E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under Rule 8(6) and 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd)** Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.hdfc.com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E&F)	(G)
Sl No	Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)*	Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)	Type of Possession	Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)	Date of Auction and Time
1	Mr. N Suresh (Borrower) Mrs. Hemavathy Harish Kumar (Co-Borrower)	Rs.39,84,730/- in Loan Account No.626268108, Rs.1,91,515/- in Loan Account No.632200845 and Rs.5,52,954/- in Loan Account No.632663005 totally accruing to Rs.47,29,199/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Nine Only) due as on 31.12.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential **2 bed room apartment** bearing **No.302,** on the **3rd Floor,** of the building known as **"PRIME PARADISE"**, having a super built up area of 1090 Sq. Feet along with one covered car parking space in the Basement Floor with proportionate share of 230 sq. feet of undivided share, right title in the land on which the building is constructed which is situated on the land/property bearing Site No.1122, A Block AECS Layout situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.	Physical Possession	**Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only)** / **Rs.4,00,000 /- (Rupees Four Lakhs Only)**	**25.04.2023 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 08.04.2023 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 24.04.2023 (Before 5.00 PM)
***together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/Shridhar Chinni, Official of HDFC Limited through Tel No. 080-41182283, 080-41182126 / 9449080072 / 7795853045.
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 05.04.2023
Place: Bangalore

For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer under SARFAESI Act, 2002

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

E-TENDER NOTICE

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr.No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos/Sets)	EMD(₹)
1.	17231051/24.04.2023	Set of Seats & Berths for LHB AC3T Coaches	360 Sets	2000000/-
2.	17221343A/24.04.2023	Set of Mounting Arrangement of fully automatic sliding doors for entrance to passenger area for LHB First AC Coaches	51 Sets	806700/-
3.	17231072/25.04.2023	FRP Side Wall Panels for LHB AC3T Coaches	356 Set	736990/-
4.	12231022/19.04.2023	Aluminium Extrusion for curtain arrgt. L=3750 MM	23570.50 Kg	130580/-
5.	14231030 /25.04.2023 Due Time : 14:30	Adhesion Promoting Primer	91487 Ltr.	560720/-
6.	14221194A/26.04.2023 Due Time : 14:30	Stress Relieving, Shot Blasting, Painting and Machining & Transportation of Bogie Frame for IR-Fiat Bogies	399 Nos.	734480/-
7.	05221516B/24.04.2023	Cattle Guard Assembly	50 Nos.	51330/-
8.	01231025/26.04.2023	Roll Link.	900 Nos.	50060/-

1. For details and making On-line bids, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at website http://www.cce.gov.in. 2.** All Limited tenders and Advertised tenders will normally close at 11:25 Hrs and 14:25 Hrs respectively on the stipulated date and will be opened at 11.30 Hrs and 14.30 Hrs. **3.** Tender at Sr. No. 1 & 6 will be opened at RCF, Kapurthala and Tender at Sr. No. 7 to 8 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002. **4.** For queries contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF Helpdesk at 011-23378658. **NOTE:** "GST No. of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them".

CORRIGENDUM: (1) Tender No. **02221409** for Infotainment System for LHB AC chair Car cum Parcel Van (Double Decker) coaches **due date may be read as 06.04.2023** instead of 28.03.2023. ***Note : Eligibility Criteria against this tender has revised. Kindly visit IREPS (Tender site).* (2)** Tender No. **01221256A** for Set of Axle End Cover for LHB Bogie **due date may be read as 12.04.2023** instead of 31.03.2023. **Quantity may be read as 654 Set** instead of 1410 Set. **Earnest Money INR may be read as 62650** instead of 135070.

PCMM

Notice No.: G-RCF/122/Stores/002/2023-24 **Dated: 04.04.2023**

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(जैव प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग, विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार का स्वायत्त संस्थान)
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(An autonomous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India) Inner Ring Road, Uppal, Hyderabad-500039, Telangana, India **Tel:** +91-40-2721 6014 / 6091, **Fax:** +91-40-2721 6006, **Website: http://www.cdfd.org.in**

ADMISSION FOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS PROGRAM - II - 2023 (RSP - II - 2023)

The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, invites applications from highly motivated candidates for admission to its Research Scholars Program. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of modern biology, we especially encourage persons from diverse backgrounds to apply. Those admitted as Research Scholars would be encouraged to register under the Ph.D. program of Manipal Academy of Higher Education or Regional Centre for Biotechnology.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible, a candidate must have:

1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture from a recognized University / Institute OR MBBS. **Candidates who have appeared for their final semester examination, but are awaiting results, are also eligible to apply.**
2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT / ICMR / INSPIRE / JEST / UGC - RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.
   Candidates having qualified for Project - JRF under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] OR DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree OR DBT JRF NET under DBT - category - II list OR LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination are NOT eligible.

Selection Procedure

Admission to the CDFD - Research Scholars program will be based on an **interview via video conference** scheduled to be held in end of May / beginning of June 2023 (RSP-II-2023). The candidates should be available for more than one round of interviews, spread over a week, if needed.

Interested candidates who fulfill the above conditions may register their names for RSP - II - 2023 by applying in the prescribed application form ***online.*** The link for the application form is available at **cdfd.org.in/rsp/**

The Online facility of application will be closed on **April 27, 2023.**

Director, CDFD reserves the right to accept / reject any or all applications.

Visit the CDFD website http://www.cdfd.org.in for detailed advertisement / General terms and conditions.

Karnataka Rashtra Samiti (KRS) Party has submitted a petition to the Chief Electoral Officer seeking to gather details of celebrities and film stars who may take part in election campaigns and bring the remuneration paid to them under the election expenses set for candidates

'United': DKS, Siddu say aim is to defeat BJP

Siddaramaiah rubbishes media reports on CM selection; Not upset with ex-CM: Shivakumar

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID reports of infighting in Karnataka Congress over the chief minister post and poll tickets , the party went into damage control mode on Tuesday with state Congress president DK Shivakumar and Opposition leader Siddaramaiah putting up a 'united front' and vowing to bring the party back to power. The state goes to polls on May 10.

Addressing the media after the Central Election Committee meeting at party headquarters in New Delhi, Siddaramaiah said that his statements in the media have been misinterpreted and brushed off reports of a tussle between him and Shivakumar.

The CLP leader asserted that though both of them are aspirants for the CM post, the aim is to defeat the BJP and bring Congress to power in Karnataka. "Yesterday (Monday), I gave an interview to one electronic media. I said in the interview that I am also an aspirant for the CM post. Likewise, D.K. Shivakumar is also an aspirant for the CM post. The aim of both of us is to defeat BJP and to bring the Congress back to power. The ground reality in Karnataka is there is a wave in favour of the Congress. BJP is going to be defeated," the Badami MLA said. "My statement in the interview has been misinterpreted. Nothing wrong in having aspirations in democracy, whoever may be the aspirant for the highest post, MB Patil is an aspirant, our Parameshwara is an aspirant, our DK Shivakumar is an aspirant.... I am also an aspirant. Ultimately, the newly elected MLAs will have to elect the leader of the legislative party after the election; not now, after the election. Ultimately, the high command has to make a decision. That is what I said," he added.

Siddaramaiah also dismissed reports which quoted him saying that the high command was not happy with Shivakumar.

"I never said the high command is not happy with Shivakumar, or MB Patil or any other leader. I said in Karnataka, there is a strong anti-incumbency against the BJP government, because the BJP government is a corrupt government. Whatever has been reported in the media is totally false," he said.

Shivakumar , who spoke after Siddaramaiah, said that he is not upset with the former CM. "I know what Siddaramaiah's heart is. I know what my heart is. I know what your heart is. We all are one. Our aim is to bring the Congress to power," he added.

The meeting chaired by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge along with top leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, was called to decide on the second list of candidates.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar with party leaders Siddaramaiah and Randeep Surjewala after the Congress Central Election Committee meeting in connection with the upcoming Karnataka Assembly elections, in New Delhi on Tuesday | Y SHEKHAR YADAV

'BJP misusing agencies to intimidate us'

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@ Bengaluru

CHARGING the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party government with misusing autonomous bodies to threaten the opposition, the Congress on Tuesday declared that with elections nearing, the BJP will definitely misuse Income Tax, ED and CBI officials.

"There are already thousands of instances of Income Tax and ED officials targeting Congress candidates, those working for the Congress, and also people who are sympathetic to the party. These officers are threatening our party men. Is it not a clear abuse of power?" Congress leaders Siddaramaiah, DK Shivakumar and party general secretary Randeep Surjewala said.

Addressing a hastily-called press meet in the middle of a Central Election Committee meeting in New Delhi, they said, "We strongly condemn this move of the BJP government which has misused autonomous bodies. We will fight the dirty politics of the BJP."

Congress sources said during the 2018 assembly elections and 2019 parliamentary elections, the Congress party was subject to more than 60 raids and search-and-survey operations.

"The BJP is afraid of defeat in Karnataka because opinion polls say the Congress will get a majority. Many sitting MLAs, MLCs, corporators and corporation board presidents have resigned from the BJP and joined the Congress. They are not fools, they know they will lose the next polls if they continue in the BJP," Shivakumar said. Even the BJP high command knows the party is sinking in Karnataka, and will not come to power. Their politics of hate and Hindutva will not work, and the only option left for them is to misuse agencies like ED, IT and CBI, he said.

B'luru crucial for BJP, Congress... both want to cross 15-seat mark

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
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IT is believed that whoever wins Bengaluru wins the state. Aware of this fact and also aware of the peculiar swings in the voting pattern in the state capital, Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress are putting in their best efforts to win as many seats as possible from the pool of 28 Assembly segments here.

In a proof of the importance of the IT City, in 2008, BJP won 17 seats in Bengaluru, Congress 10 and JDS one, and BJP came to power. In 2013, Congress won 13, BJP 12 and JDS three, after which Congress formed the government. In 2018, BJP won 12 seats, Congress 14 and JDS two. Issues that veer the voters, like traffic chaos and infrastructure, are specific to Bengaluru. The numbers keep fluctuating, favouring either of the two parties, and BJP and Congress normally try to cross 15 seats in the IT City.

KPCC working president Ramalinga Reddy said that in Bengaluru, certain Assembly constituencies vote for Congress, while others for BJP. But there are always 15-20 per cent voters who are neutral and do not care about caste or religion. By targeting this section, Congress can come on top in this election, he said. "We are confident that these voters will go with Congress. This is because of corruption, failed administration, scams and other issues associated with the BJP government. We are targeting 15-16 seats in the city," he told *The New Indian Express*.

BJP, too, is looking at similar numbers. In the bypolls that were held in 2019, turncoats who had joined BJP from Congress and JDS and helped BS Yediyurappa form the government contested from Yeshwanthpur, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Mahalakshmi Layout and KR Puram and won. BJP workers, who had campaigned against the same candidates just a few months ago, worked hard to ensure their victory. But the same effort may not bear fruit this time as BS Yediyurappa is not a chief ministerial candidate, a local BJP leader pointed out.

Congress is planning to win Govindarajnagar, Chickpet and Basavanagudi constituencies, which are now with BJP. Similarly, BJP too has bright chances in Jayanagar, Hebbal and some other segments that are represented by party MLAs. The party made inroads into some Congress and JDS strongholds in the last elections because of the turncoats. But some segments, like Shanthinagar and Sarvagnanagar, are Congress fortresses that BJP has not been able to conquer. In 2018, then BJP national president Amit Shah took out a massive roadshow covering all these constituencies, but failed to make a difference in the result.

The absence of a BBMP Council, which has not been elected, has hamstrung both Congress and BJP. Corporators would have helped their respective parties win with their stronger connection with individual voters.

In the absence of corporators, civic issues like road infrastructure, potholes and traffic jams, will have to be handled by area MLAs, who will have bigger issues to tackle. "If we don't address them, we will have to face the people's wrath," an MLA said.

DEFECTION OF A FEW WILL NOT AFFECT BJP IN POLLS: CM

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THE defection of a few BJP MLAs and MLCs will not have any impact on the party in the May 10 Assembly elections, Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** said on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters, Bommai said that those who are sure of not getting ticket from the BJP left the party and it will not have any bearing on the party. "The BJP will get an absolute majority in the elections, " the CM reiterated.

In the last few days, several BJP leaders, including BJP MLCs Baburao Chinchansur and Puttanna, MLA NY Gopalakrishna, senior leaders Manjunath Kunnur, Mohan Limbikai, and others have left the BJP and joined the Congress.

Meanwhile, replying to state Congress president DK Shivakumar who had said that many more leaders from other parties will join the Congress, the CM said, "Nobody will quit the BJP and the KPCC President is floating the names unnecessarily." Bommai had earlier accused the Congress leader of trying to contact BJP MLAs and offering them Congress tickets.

Bommai said that the Congress will not come to power in Karnataka and they are fighting for the seats which they cannot win. Bommai said, on the one hand, Shivakumar seeks blessings to become the CM, and on the other hand, Siddaramaiah has been claiming himself as the CM. "Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar are dreaming for the CM's post but their dream will never become a reality," Bommai said.

BJP CORE COMMITTEE MEETS TO FINALISE NAMES

The Bharatiya Janata Party started its two-day core committee meeting to finalise its first list of candidates, to be sent to its National Executive Committee in New Delhi. The committee is expected to finalise names on April 8. BJP leaders, including the core committee headed by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, have been holding a series of meetings over the past four or five days. On the first day, they completed 106 constituencies.

BJP SEEKS ACTION AGAINST DKS

BJP leaders on Tuesday filed complaints with the Office of Chief Electoral Officer demanding action against KPCC chief DK Shivakumar for allegedly using a fake and fabricated video on his social media platform to portray BJP in a bad light and influence voters. "On April 1, Shivakumar posted a false and frivolous video, wherein it is shown that when a person searches on Google search as " I'm unemployed who cares about me???, the fabricated result that appears on Google Search is; Congress: we do! We do.. and BJP: sorry no information... system failure," the complaint filed by the BJP leaders stated. They termed it as a violation of the Election Code of Conduct. The party also petitioned the EC to take note of his allegations that the BJP is misleading the youth by giving them weapons.

BJP FILES PLAINT AGAINST CONGRESS OVER 'FAKE LIST' OF CANDIDATES

The BJP in Karnataka has filed a complaint against Congress leaders at Malleswaram police station accusing them of releasing a fake list of its candidates for the May 10 Assembly elections. In a written complaint, BJP Karnataka General Secretary and former MLC Ashwathnarayan said that the fake list circulated on social media platforms was done intentionally "out of political malice to defame the BJP and to instigate party workers during politically sensitive time". He said that they have strong reasons to believe that those circulating the fake list are having nexus with the Congress. He also said the fake list is allegedly issued in the name of BJP National General secretary Arun Singh and it also has forged signatures of Singh along with that of BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel. "All the said posts are fake and false and the same have been posted with dishonest intention to mislead the public," he said. He also said legal action will be taken against those behind it. "The said post has been posted with deliberate and malicious intention. People are liable for prosecution under the Indian Penal Code," he said. The list has names of many BJP MPs, including Union Minister Prahlad Joshi.

Former PM and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda on Tuesday called on Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla at his residence in New Delhi. Gowda also presented Birla a copy of the book *Furrows In A Field: The Unexplored Life of HD Deve Gowda.*

I'm not contesting elections, do not believe any rumours, says Anitha

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AMIDST the difficulty the Janata Dal (Secular) leaders are facing in resolving the Hassan assembly constituency ticket issue, former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy's wife and Ramanagara MLA **Anitha Kumaraswamy** has clarified that she has no intention to contest polls again.

Anitha took to social media on Tuesday stating that rumours are doing the rounds that she would be contesting elections again but it was a blatant lie and part of the slander campaign against JDS. "I have already clarified that I will not be contesting polls again. When I have sacrificed the Ramanagara seat for my son Nikhil Kumaraswamy, where is the question of me contesting again?" she said, adding that she contested polls earlier only on the instructions of party leaders and respecting the words of party workers.

Further, Anitha said that she was working only for the welfare of the people of her constituency and the party, requesting people not to spread rumours or believe them.

Defending his wife, Kumaraswamy said the Hassan ticket issue was different and there was no need to drag his wife's name into it. "In the past, she contested elections only to save the party," he said.

Meanwhile, speaking to reporters in Ramanagara, Nikhil also clarified that his mother was not interested in contesting elections. "There will be confusion in all parties. But Deve Gowda's decision is final in this matter," he said, adding that he would withdraw his candidature from the Ramanagara segment if the party workers demand.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, Kumaraswamy said the second list of party candidates would be out by Thursday. "Deve Gowda is in Delhi and he will return by Wednesday evening. The list will be released after that," he said, adding that the name of the Hassan candidate will also be included in the list.

No relief to Renukacharya in assets case

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THE Karnataka High Court dismissed a petition filed by BJP MLA and CM's political secretary MP Renukacharya, questioning the case registered by Lokayukta police under the Prevention of Corruption Act and IPC, in relation to disproportionate assets.

Turning down Renukacharya's arguments of multiple FIRs on the same subject, Justice K Natarajan dismissed his petition. "When the Lokayukta has already received a complaint and registered an FIR, the question of going back to sessions judge to file a complaint under Section 200 CrPC and referring the complaint under Section 156(3) of CrPC does not arise," the court said.

After the HC quashed an FIR registered in April 2015 for not following procedure based on a private complaint, Brashtachara Virodi Vedike president Gurupadaiah registered an FIR on November 30, 2015, before the Davanagere Lokayukta police, alleging that Renukacharya had amassed wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income when he was MLA from 2004 to 2008, and cabinet minister from 2009 to 2013. Lokayukta police are awaiting sanction from the government to file a chargesheet.

According to the complaint, in 2004, when Renukacharya had filed his nomination papers to contest from Honnalli, he declared his assets as Rs 26.07 lakh, and for the 2008 election, his assets were Rs 73.97 lakh. In 2013, his assets were worth Rs 4.95 crore. It was alleged that there was a rise in income and assets during his tenure as minister.

AAP questions govt over toll collection

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THE Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab has so far closed eight toll plazas and Karnataka should follow suit to help people, Aam Aadmi Party state communication in-charge Brijesh Kalappa said on Tuesday.

"AAP is verifying the PPP-type agreement, how much money should have been collected, how much money has been collected, and which toll should have been stopped. Eight toll plazas have been shut down since the AAP government came to power in Punjab. But in Karnataka, for the greed of commission, the toll plazas continue to function despite the expiry of the period," he alleged.

"The new Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway is not a 10-lane highway as claimed by the BJP government but a six-lane one. Later the same BJP government also accepted this after it was pointed out," he added.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Seer gives ₹1 lakh cash to party candidate

BELAGAVI: In a brazen case of violation of the model code of conduct, a seer allegedly handed over Rs 1 lakh in cash to the Kalyana Rajya Pragati Paksha candidate at Harugeri in Raibag taluk on Tuesday. The video of the incident has since gone viral. The seer, Revannasiddaiah Shrishailayya of Honyal, handed over Rs 1 lakh in cash to Kudachji KRPP candidate Shrishail Bhajantri, in the presence of KRPP chief Gali Janardhan Reddy. Though the model code of conduct is in effect, and pictures and videos have gone viral on social media, the Raibag taluk administration has not taken any action till now. Netizens accused the administration for not taking any steps, despite being aware of violations. **ENS**

Quota row: Banjara seer attempts to hang self

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Haveri

A seer from the Banjara community tried to commit suicide in Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's home constituency Shiggaon on Tuesday, protesting against the state government's decision on internal reservation for Scheduled Caste communities. The police and community members, however, foiled his bid.

Banjara community members have been protesting across the state over the recent classification of reservation, and in many Lambani tandas, or hamlets, residents have announced that they would boycott the Assembly polls. On Tuesday too, the community members were protesting in Shiggaon. Tippeswamiji of Gundur Tanda climbed the ladder to the Ambedkar statue, threatening to hang himself from a tower. His followers and the police rushed towards him and rescued him. The swamiji's health is stable and the police have warned him against attempting such illegal acts during the protest. The protesters later submitted a memorandum to the tahsildar, stating that the new reservation system should not be implemented.

Raju Nayak from Gundur Tanda said the internal reservation has led to inequality among Banjara, Korama, Kuraja and Bhovi communities.

14 found guilty of lynching Madhu

Hearing began in April last year, quantum of punishment to be pronounced today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Special Court for Scheduled Castes and Tribes (POA) Act, Mannarkad, on Tuesday convicted 14 of the 16 accused in the case pertaining to the lynching of a 27-year-old tribal man in Palakkad in 2018.

Madhu, a tribal man from Attappadi, was beaten to death after he was caught and tied up by a group of local people alleging theft on February 22, 2018. The quantum of punishment will be pronounced by the court on Wednesday.

The court charged 13 of the guilty under Section 304 (2)-culpable homicide not amounting to murder. In addition to this, 12 were charged additionally under the Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Tribes Act. While fourth and the eleventh accused were acquitted, 16th accused was charged under Section 352 of the IPC -- assault charges.

Those who were pronounced guilty were first accused Hussein, 59, of Mecheriyil, Paakulam, Thavalam, second accused Marakkar, 41, of Killayil, Mukkali, third accused Shamsudheen, 41, of Pothuvachola, Mukkali, fifth accused Radhakrishnan, 38, of Kallamala, sixth accused Aboobacker, 39, of Pothuvachola, Kallamala, seventh accused Siddique, 46, of Kurrikal, Padinjarepalla, Mukkali, eighth accused Ubaid, 33, of Thottiyil, Mukkali, ninth accused Najeeb, 41, Viruthiyil, Mukkali, 10th accused Jaijumon, 52, of Mannampatta, Mukkali, 12th accused Sajeev, 38, of Puthenpurackal, Kottiyurkunnu, Kallamala, 13th accused Satheesh, 43, Murikada, Mukkali, 14th accused Hareesh, 42, of Cheruvil, Mukkali, 15th accused Biju, 45 of Cheruvil, Mukkali, and sixteenth accused Muneer, 36 of Viruthiyil, Mukkali.

An accused, who was convicted, being taken to jail from the special court in Mannarkad on Tuesday | EXPRESS

FINALLY, TRIBAL FAMILY GETS JUSTICE

Fourth and 11th accused acquitted as charges could not be established against them

13 charged under Section 304 (2) – culpable homicide not amounting to murder

16th accused charged under Section 352 of the IPC – assault charges

Trial completed under High Court supervision

24 of 103 witnesses turned hostile during trial

The first accused was convicted under sections 143, 147, 323, 322 and 304 (2) r/w 149 of IPC. The second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh eighth, ninth, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th accused were convicted under sections 143, 147, 323, 324,326, 367 and 304 (2) r/w 149 and also under 31 (d) of the SC/ST Act.

The charges against the fourth accused, Aneesh, 38, of Kunnath, Kakkupadi, Kalkandi, was that he took the photos and videos of Madhu being harassed and beaten up by the mob and circulated them on social media while charges against the eleventh accused, Abdul Kareem, 52, of Cholayil, Mukkali, was that he called Madhu a thief.

There were many twists and turns to the case with the first two special public prosecutors P Gopinath and V T Reghunath expressing their inability to present before the court after a brief stint due to a variety of reasons. Subsequently, based on the demands of the mother of Madhu, Malli C Rajendran, a senior advocate of the Kerala HC was appointed as SPP and Rajesh M Menon as the additional public prosecutor.

The hearing began on April 22, 2022. However, after many witnesses, including Madhu's relatives, turned hostile in the initial stages, Madhu's mother approached the DG, Prosecutions and demanded the replacement of C Rajendran. She also wanted Rajesh M Menon, the additional SPP to be appointed the SPP. Finally, Rajesh was made the SPP on June 26, 2022, and the examinations and arguments in the case were completed on March 10, 2023.

NIA sleuths inspect the Alappuzha-Kannur Executive Express train on Tuesday

NIA joins probe in train arson case

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THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) has joined the probe into the Elathur train arson attack case, which is also exploring the possibility of a terror angle. On Tuesday, a three-member team of the NIA inspected the D1 and D2 compartments of the Alappuzha-Kannur Express train, where the attack took place, and is expected to visit the crime spot at Elathur soon. The Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) at the national level is also investigating the details of the suspect in Noida. However, it is yet to be declared a terror act.

The search for the suspect in the case in which three people lost their lives and nine others suffered burn injuries is being conducted by an 18-member special investigation team comprising Railway and the state police.

ADGP Ajith Kumar, who is overseeing the investigation, stated that multiple teams have been formed to locate the accused, but the investigation is still in its early stages. "The investigation has just begun and it is at a preliminary level. Further information can only be provided as the investigation progresses. The police are gathering maximum information about Shahrukh Saifi, who is suspected to be the accused," he said.

> We are leaving no stone unturned to catch the culprits. The incident is very unfortunate. I have already spoken with the Kerala CM
>
> Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Minister

While there are unverified reports about the suspect's arrest in Kannur, two RPF officers reached Noida and Ghaziabad, on Tuesday, looking for the suspect. Earlier, sources had claimed that a person suspected to be the prime accused was taken into custody by the Ghaziabad wing of UP ATS but later in the day, UP ATS chief Naveen Arora denied it. According to a source, suspect Shahrukh Saifi has addresses in both Noida and Haryana.

CPM: Take suo motu action against 'illegal' panchayats

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CPI(M) district secretary TL Krishnegowda demanded that the police initiate suo motu action when village panchayats illegally levy fines and pass resolutions to socially boycott Dalits and the oppressed classes in villages.

Speaking to mediapersons on Tuesday, Krishnegowda said the panchayats are headed by upper caste leaders, which results in unconstitutional orders and undemocratic atmosphere.

"Village elders head the panchayats and belong to dominant castes in Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar districts. These panchayats are similar to Jat and Khap panchayats of North India," he said.

He recalled the incident of Govindharaju, belonging to Uppara caste from Kunagalli village in Kollegal taluk in Chamarajanagar district, who had married Shwetha P, a Dalit from Huvinakoppalu village in Malavalli taluk in Mandya district in 2018.

"The Kunagalli village panchayat leaders boycotted Govindaraju's family and levied a fine of Rs 3 lakh. When the family moved court, the police arrested 15 persons from the village. There are over 10 such cases from the same village, where couples have fled the village and settled in Bengaluru, fearing the panchayats."

60-YEAR-OLD FARMER MAULED TO DEATH BY DOGS

Kadapa : A 60-year-old farmer died after he was mauled by a pack of stray dogs on Tuesday morning while he was asleep in his agricultural field to guard the paddy plantation. The victim identified as Madanapalli Reddaiah (60), was a resident of Mudineni Oddipalli village at Narayanareddypalle gram panchayat in Sambepalli mandal. The deceased went to guard his agriculture field from pigs at 10.30 pm on Monday and dozed off. Around 5.30am on Tuesday, a pack of dogs attacked the victim and bit his face. The farmers found the victim lying in an unconscious state. He was shifted to the Rayachoti government hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead.

Diversion of forest land: NGT panel for action against netas, officers

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE joint committee constituted on the direction of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), decided to take action against former Speaker, MLA, MLC, former forest official and Kodagu DC for diverting forest land for road construction and felling of trees.

The committee held a closed door meeting on Monday, under the chairmanship of the chief secretary of Karnataka, where it was decided to fix responsibility on those involved and take suitable action, a senior committee member who did not wish to be named, told The New Indian Express.

The case details have been sent to the principal chief conservator of forests (general), to study the file and decide what action should be taken. The committee, having legal powers, have sought criminal proceedings against those involved, under the Wildlife Protection Act and Forest Protection Act, the committee member said.

The committee was formed to check on the case of illegal felling of trees and road construction from Madikeri to Kukke Subramanya, through Pushpagiri Wildlife Sanctuary. The NGT orders were issued on December 13, 2022, on writ petition 3388/2009 (original application number 167/2016 and MA 1379/2017), pertaining to felling of trees on November 3, 2006, in Kodagu and other districts of Western Ghats. The case was earlier heard by the Karnataka High Court also.

The committee member said action would be initiated against former Speaker K G Bopaiah, MLA Appachu Ranjan, former MLC S G Medappa, additional principal chief conservator of forests G A Sudershan and former DC Baldev Krishna.

The legal forums and committee had heard the case pertaining to illegal felling of trees and violation in eco-sensitive zones. The NGT, during the hearings, had also noted that the Supreme Court orders were not followed by officials on the ground and those in power.

K A Ravi Chengappa, president of Cauvery Sene, the petitioner in the case, said that action should be taken as per wildlife laws. It is already very late since the matter was heard and concluded.

The NGT had given three months' time to form a committee and finalise action. Compliance for identified action will be the responsibility of the chief secretary, Karnataka, the NGT had noted while issuing the order and closing the case on December 13, 2022.

Chandravathi with her family members after she was honoured by railway officials on Tuesday | EXPRESS

Heart surgery could not crush her courage

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SHE was aware of the train timing as her relatives from Mumbai use it regularly. Without losing hope and remembering God, she ran towards her house, grabbed a red bermuda of her grandson that was put out to dry and returned to the track. She waved it furiously as the train trundled towards the spot. It stopped at a safe distance and Chandravathi heaved a big sigh of relief.

The loco-pilot and passengers got down from the train and profusely thanked Chandravathi for her yeoman act. The train was parked at the spot till the tree was chopped and removed from the tracks, and left around 3.30 pm. When the tree fell, she was alone at home as her son and grandson had gone to work and college, Chandravathi said.

Her grandson, an MBA student, said he and his family members were surprised. "She has undergone a heart surgery and has been advised not to get stressed. But she ran to stop the train," he said. Chandravathi's husband Vishwanath, who was a 'gurikaar' at Kudroli Sri Gokarnatheshwara Temple, died nine months ago after falling on the same track near their house. "We have no access road to the house because of the track. So, my husband used to park his vehicle at someone's house on the other side of the track and walk home. He tripped on the track and within a few hours died," she said.

ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH

KALAKSHETRA BOARD FORMS INQUIRY COMMITTEE

CHENNAI : Kalakshetra Foundation's governing Board has formed an independent inquiry committee consisting of retired high court judge K Kannan, former DGP of Tamil Nadu, Letika Saran and Dr Shobha Varthaman to look into the sexual harassment complaints by students against four dance teachers of the institute. **ENS**

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BID INVITATION NO. SE (R and B) BLS-Divn-1- 79/2022-23
Letter No 3109 Date 28.03.2023

1.	The Superintending Engineer, Balasore (R & B) Division-I, Balasore on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites Percentage rate bids to be received in **ONLINE MODE** only for road and Building works		
2	No. of Work	:	7 Nos
3.	Nature of work	:	Road & Building works of Balasore (R&B)Division-1
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5.	Approx. value of work	:	Rs. 59.20 Lakh & 254.82 Lakh
6.	Tender Cost.	:	Rs. 10,000/-
7.	Availability of Bid Documents in the website	:	**From 10.00 Hours of dt. 06.04.2023 to 16:00 hours of dt. 20.04.2023**
8.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**Dt.21.04.2023 at 11:00 Hours**
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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 01/2023-24/PHC/KNR

AMRUT- 2.0-Pipeline Extension, Providing Water Connection in various Zones of Kannur Corporation- Edakkad Zone, EMD : Rs. 500000, Tender fee : Rs. 19518, Last Date for submitting Tender : 24-04-2023 03:00:pm, Phone : 04972705902
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
KWA-JB-GL-6-8-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kannur

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the following documents belonging to **M/s Navarathna Dairy and Food Processing (Earlier known as M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments)** with respect to Plot No. 312-A in Sy. No. 72 and 76 in the Malur II Phase Industrial Area which is more fully described in the schedule below have been misplaced and not traceable yet:

1. **ALLOTMENT LETTER** for **Plot No-312A** of Malur Industrial Area from **The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board** numbered **No. KIADB/DO-II/2333/06-07** dated **27-10-2006** addressed to **M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments.**
2. **POSSESSION CERTIFICATE** issued to **M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments** by **The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board** numbered **No. IADB/DDO-I/Malur II Phase/2771/2006-07** dated **12-12-2006** granting possession of **Plot No. 312-A**
3. **LEASE AGREEMENT** between **The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board** and **M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments** dated **06-09-2007** registered as document bearing **No. MLR-1-02972-2007-08** stored in **CD No. MLRD31** on **14-09-2007** in the office of the Sub Registrar, Malur regarding the lease of the **Plot No. 312-A**
4. **PERMISSION LETTER** from **The Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board** addressed to **M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments** numbered **No. KIADB/DO-II/138/1495/2012-13** dated **17-10-2012** granting permission for the following in respect of **Plot No. 312-A**

The Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, attachments, commitments, charges or liabilities whatsoever.

The report of the same has been lodged at the Yashwanthapura Police Station on **03/04/2023** vide reference no. **PETS No- 13/2023** bearing **G.S.C No. PO0006230600378**

If found, kindly inform to **M/s Navarathna Dairy and Food Processing (Earlier known as M/s Sunitha Readymade Garments)** Having its Registered office at: 62/3 A1902 19th Floor Daffodils Salarpuria Sattva Luxuria, 8th Main, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru – 560055, Mobile no. 8050266266

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All that piece and parcel of the plot No. 312-A, formed in Sy. Nos. 72 & 76, Measuring East – 173 mtrs., West – 148 mtrs., North – 126.50 mtrs., South – 125.50 mtrs., totally measuring 20,413 Sq. Mtrs., situated at Malur II Phase Industrial Area, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, and bounded on the:-

EAST BY : C.A Site and Plot no 311, **WEST BY** : Plot No. 312-B,
NORTH BY : 3rd Main Road, **SOUTH BY** : Private Property

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Property No.1(Present Owners: Mr. SujithVerghese S/o late Mr.P.V.Verghese) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Sy.No.3/3**, (old Sy.No.3), measuring **24 Guntas**,(2428.11 square metre OR 26136.176 square feet) (out of 1 acre 1 gunta), situated at **Veeraraghavanapalya village**, Kasaba Hobli, NelamangalaTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, converted for Industrial purpose vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(N)SR.56/1999-2000 dated 08-12-1999, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, (currently bearing property No.67 with Vishweswara Grama Panchayath, NelamangalaTaluk) and bounded on;
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West by: Property in Sy.No.3/2, purchased by Mr.P.V.Verghese,
North by: Hurulilihalli village Tar Road,
South by: Portion of property in Sy.No.3/3, purchased by Mrs.SujaKuruvilla.

Property No.2(Present Owner: Mrs. Suja S. Kuruvilla D/o late Mr.P.V.Verghese also W/o Mr.Saji Thomas Kuruvilla)
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Sy.No.3/3**, measuring **17 Gunta**, (out of 1A 1G) (old Sy.No.3) and **Sy.No.2**, measuring **7 Guntas** (out of 1A 5G) (currently bearing Sy.No.2/1,measuring 4A 27G) (**together measuring 24 Guntas**)(2428.1138 square metre OR 26136.176 square feet), situated at **Veeraraghavanapalya village**, Kasaba Hobli, NelamangalaTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, converted for Industrial purpose vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(N)SR.57/1999-2000 dated 08-12-1999, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, (currently bearing property No.66 with KannegowdanahalliGramaPanchayath, NelamangalaTaluk)and bounded on;
Boundary for Sy.No.3/3: (old Sy.No.3)
East by: Property in Sy.No.4 belongs to Siddappa,
West by: Property in Sy.No.3/2, purchased by Mr.P.V.Verghese,
North by: Property in Sy.No.3/3, purchased by Mr. SujithVerghese,
South by: Property in Sy.No.2/1, purchased by Mrs. SujaKurvilla.
Boundary for Sy.No.2: (currently bearing Sy.No.2/1)
East by: Property in Sy.No.4 belongs to Siddappa,
West by: Property in Sy.No.3/2, purchased by Mr.P.V.Verghese,
North by: Property in Sy.No.3/3, purchased by Mrs. SujaKurvilla,
South by:Govt Tank road.

Property No.3(Present Owners: Mrs. Elizabeth Verghese, Mrs. SujaSajiKuruvulla and Mr. SujithVerghese, heirs of late Mr. P.V.Verghese)
All that piece and parcel of immovable Agriculture dry property bearing Sy.No.3/2, measuring 1 Acre 1 gunta,(old Sy.No.3) and Sy.No.2, measuring 7 guntas,(out of 1A 5G) (currently bearing Sy.No.2/1), situated at Veeraraghavanapalya village, Kasaba Hobli, NelamangalaTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, bounded on;
Boundary for Sy.No.3/2: (Old Sy.No.3)
East by: Property in Sy.No.3/3, purchased by SujitVerghese, Suja S Kurvulla, PV.Verghese,
West by: Property in Sy.No.3, belongs to Ramesh,
North by: Hurulihalli and Nelamangala Road,
South by: Property in Sy.No.2/1, purchased by P.V.Verghese.
Boundary for Sy.No.2: (currently bearing Sy.No.2/1)
East by: Property in Sy.No.2/1, purchased by Suja S Kuruvalla,
West by: Property in Sy.No.2 & 3, belongs to Venkatesh,
North by: Property in Sy.No.3/2, purchased by P.V. Verghese,
South by: Road.

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BENGALURU MAN UNDERGOES INDIA'S FIRST 4-IMPLANT UROLIFT SURGERY

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A 40-year-old man from Bengaluru who was suffering from an enlarged prostate gland has successfully undergone a four-implant UroLift surgery. He is the first patient in India to successfully undergo the surgery. The procedure was carried out by the urology team at Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road. Doctors from the team explained that BPH (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia) or enlarged prostate gland is a common condition that affects over 40% of men in their 50s and over 70% in their 60s. While it is a benign condition unrelated to prostate cancer, it can significantly impact a man's quality of life. As the prostate enlarges, it presses on and blocks the urethra, which can lead to permanent bladder damage if left untreated. Under the UroLift procedure, tiny implants are used to lift and hold the enlarged prostate tissue out of the way, so it no longer blocks the urethra.

Dr Mohan Keshavmurthy, Senior Director, Urology, Uro-Oncology, Robotic Surgery, Fortis Hospitals said, "UroLift procedure produces less risk when compared to other invasive surgeries and the recovery rate is also much faster as the procedure can be performed with a local anaesthesia on a daycare basis." The symptoms include difficulty in passing urine, urinary tract infection, frequent sensation to pee, and leakage after passing urine.

Doctors deployed four implants during this UroLift procedure. So far, less than 10 procedures have been performed in India using three or fewer implants, they said.

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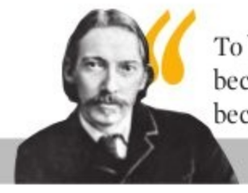

To be what we are, and to become what we are capable of becoming, is the only end of life

Robert Louis Stevenson

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— Ramnath Goenka

FUNNY MEMES OR FAIR CRITICISM DO NOT MERIT UNREASONABLE ACTION

How much trouble could a meme on social media get you into? In India, a lot. Consider 23-year-old Pradeep in Chennai. He's spent nearly two weeks in jail for a meme riffing off a famous comedy scene from an old Tamil movie. The meme was posted shortly after Tamil Nadu's budget for 2023–24 was presented, and the finance minister announced that the government would be rolling out its scheme to provide women heads of families a monthly honorarium of ₹1000 later this year. However, the government did not immediately unveil the eligibility criteria for the scheme. Pradeep's meme attempted to poke fun at the minister and the CM, portraying them as deciding the beneficiaries on dubious grounds. Was it in good taste? No. Was it worth a midnight arrest, rejection of bail and two weeks in jail? Anyone with good sense would say no.

Pradeep was booked under Sections 153 (provocation with intent to cause riot), 505 (1)(b) (statements conducing public mischief with intent to cause fear or alarm) and 509 (word, gesture or act intended to outrage the modesty of a woman) of the IPC. That the consequences are disproportionate to the action would be an understatement. Almost as bad is the political fiction that these disproportionate consequences come as action against disrespect to women.

There is a tendency in TN and elsewhere in the country to criminalise dissent and even fair criticism. People are booked over harmless social media posts from Kolkata to Kanniyakumari, as it were, signalling to the public that we are not as free as we think we are or ought to be. Political parties already impose a form of censorship on social media by unleashing their IT cells, aka trolls against people expressing unfriendly or critical views. Tamil Nadu political history is replete with instances of people risking their lives to express a radical thought. The current dispensation is no stranger to police action against its leaders in some of the darker moments of the nation's history. Yet arresting and imprisoning a person for a critical social media post can only be considered draconian in a democracy, while the denial of bail soon after the Supreme Court again pulled up magistrates on the matter tells us that, regardless of our history, we may well live in a police state where free speech may live or die depending on who is in power and how thick their skin is.

REUSABLE LAUNCHER OFFERS MYRIAD BENEFITS

The successful Reusable Launch Vehicle Autonomous Landing Mission (RLV-LEX) experiment of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on April 2 potentially offers a bouquet of benefits for the space and defence sectors in the coming years. The experiment—at the Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Challakere in Karnataka's Chitradurga district—involved a Chinook helicopter of the Indian Air Force lifting the RLV (a winged space plane) to an altitude of 4.6 km, and releasing it to power its way back to the ATR runway and safely landing in an autonomous mode. The successful return landing implies that the space plane can be repeatedly used for subsequent satellite launches without building a new launcher to send the next batch of satellites into space.

For the space sector, it significantly reduces satellite launch costs. ISRO scientists are looking at an 80% cut in launch costs for low-earth orbit missions. For the defence sector, the RLV can be used as an autonomous flight transport system to deliver material from one location to another. Many more potent applications can be adapted subsequently. The other benefit is that this concept of space launch can drastically cut the contribution of rocket parts to the burgeoning space debris in low earth orbits, which is already posing hazards to space missions. ISRO's revenues may boom in relative and exponential terms with this technology. The RLV's reusable nature means saving a large part of the cost involved in building new rockets. With this enhanced capability, ISRO could expect higher revenues by launching more low-earth orbit satellites per year, promising to attract more domestic and foreign clients for satellite launches.

The RLV is not like the US shuttles, which needed a rocket to launch them into space. However, more experiments are in the pipeline to ensure that the RLV succeeds in payload delivery to low earth orbits. The technology demonstrator in May 2016 was able to achieve a peak altitude of 64.8 km, while it should be able to reach an altitude of 350–600 km in a real mission mode to low earth orbits. Besides, a larger space plane would enable accommodating multiple satellites in a single mission. Once that is successfully achieved, all the benefits—technological and financial—could be reaped.

QUICK TAKE

ENSURE PROBITY OF IAS OFFICERS

Over 1,300 IAS officers haven't submitted their property details to the government between 2011 and 2022. A parliamentary panel asks why and wants the government to confirm the integrity of asset details once submitted. Parliamentary focus on the IAS officers coincides with the government informing Parliament recently of increasing corruption charges against them. Given the growing number of officers facing trial or punishment, this is a serious issue. Prematurely retiring underperforming or 'corrupt' officers is no real solution. The DoPT must encourage whistle-blowers and the widening use of RTI that can expose political patronage or 'networks' that might protect errant officers.

The ambitions of the dramatis personae aside, their insecurities and conundrums are more likely to settle the course of the upcoming election

DILEMMAS GALORE FOR TOP LEADERS IN POLL-BOUND K'TAKA

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Elections have been announced in Karnataka and in less than forty-five days, we will know which party and which leader will take charge of the state. Election is as much a gamble as it is a strange roulette of hope. No matter the nervousness that cramps the muscles of leaders, there is bravado that stalks the campaign streets. No matter the cynicism that spills over in the minds of voters, the ship has been set sail.

The process of ticket distribution has picked up speed; it has to all be done anyway before April 20. Instead of trying to guess the results of the election, which is in the familiar realm of unhinged betting, or read horoscopes as Kannada television channels do with elan and impunity, it would be a rather interesting exercise to read the dilemmas of the key dramatis personae of these elections. The ambitions of leaders aside, it is their insecurities, their conundrums that are likely to settle the course of these elections. This may be a more realistic exercise than trying to horribly guess how 5.21 crore voters will eventually behave on May 10, the voting day.

Since Congress is being touted as the frontrunner in these elections, let us first look at the quandaries of Siddaramaiah, the former chief minister and one of his party's chief campaigners. The biggest thing that haunts this backward class leader is if he has chosen the right constituency. After trying to make it look like he has multiple options across the state, he has come back to Varuna in his home district of Mysuru. A seat that he has had to snatch from his son who held it in the current Assembly.

For the longest time it appeared that Siddaramaiah had settled with Kolar. His camp followers and his hired analysts spoke of glowing surveys, but what eventually drove him away was the fear of sabotage from within his own party. The Badami seat he currently holds was won by a whisker in 2018. He was made unwelcome there, again, by his own party men. He did not dare to come back to Chamundeshwari, the second seat he contested last time and where he was defeated by a huge margin.

Despite being a mass face, Siddaramaiah's victory margins in Assembly polls have been rather pathetic. Therefore, the biggest dilemma of a leader who wants to be the next chief minister is if he has picked the right seat, and if he will win. Since the son has had to give up his seat, his personal political legacy has also been somewhat checkmated. There were suggestions that Siddaramaiah should just campaign for the party and not contest the polls. That suggestion must have appeared like yet another trap to him. His mind perhaps looks only for traps and not opportunities anymore.

SOURAV ROY

The other big player is B S Yediyurappa, the man who gave BJP its success in Karnataka. He is 80 and is not contesting the polls but is in a peculiar space. He was made to step down as chief minister in July 2021 by his Delhi leaders for reasons best known to him and them. It was not about age, but they hinted that his vulnerabilities had caught up. But the deference with which he has now been bathed in—suddenly—has made him doubt everything. The way Prime Minister Narendra Modi bent to do a namaste to him in Shivamogga, recently, was pretty unusual.

Yediyurappa is unsure if he is being propped up again because the BJP has failed with its Bommai experiment and to move beyond the balkanised Lingayat caste game. If the BJP top leadership got rid of Yediyurappa nearly two years ago, then what is it that has made them go back on their track? Something that does not happen easily in the BJP. Does that point to the party's lack of confidence to radically alter the game in the state and still retain power? Yediyurappa and his family faced huge charges of corruption too.

Also, Yediyurappa must be wondering if his temporary resurgence will ensure that his son, B Y Vijayendra, will get to debut from Shikaripur, the constituency he has nurtured for decades. There is talk that the son may be fielded in a 'guts and glory' battle against Siddaramaiah in Varuna. Apparently, internal assessments indicate that he will win the seat by nearly 10,000 votes. If Vijayendra goes to Varuna, then what happens to the family fiefdom? The BJP leadership is unlikely to allow another member from the Yediyurappa family to contest from Shikaripura. His elder son, Raghavendra, represents the Shivamogga Lok Sabha seat. In his evening years, Yediyurappa is unable to decide if the adulation and appeasement that surrounds him is real or maya.

Finally, the circumstances of Janata Dal (Secular) leader H D Kumaraswamy appear very different. Although he has set a target of 123 seats this poll, his party's ability to reach the figure is being discounted. He is not even being allowed to happily kitefly if that is what he is doing. The opinion polls so far have given them the usual 30 odd seats that their 20% vote share will reap. But Kumaraswamy has said that they have perennially been underrated and their prospects are brighter this season.

There is yet another existential question that perhaps haunts Kumaraswamy. While he is sure that his party will perform beyond expectations, he worries about the recklessness of his own brother's family in Hassan district. There is a steady narrative and a tailwind for the development plan he has presented but fears that his brother H D Revanna's family may wreck it. The brother's wife is demanding a seat to contest the Hassan urban seat and that has put the family in a tight spot because even the family knows that the family is overrepresented. They do not want the 'parivarvaad' charge to drown them completely.

Kumaraswamy's actor-son, Nikhil, is also contesting the polls this time. He is contesting from the seat his mother has vacated. Nikhil had lost Parliament polls in 2019. He has to make it this time. Kumaraswamy has to make it happen on yet another front—89-year-old Deve Gowda has nearly passed on the party's baton to him—the anxiety is to grip it and run forward without dropping it.

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INDIA EN ROUTE TO BECOMING CAPITAL OF GLOBAL SOUTH

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The Ukraine war is turning out to be a pivotal moment in the transition from a unipolar world. We may or may not yet be a multipolar world but among the old certainties that have crumbled is the ability for major Western developed countries to build and maintain the narrative of consensus that they seek on issues that matter to them.

It is now certainly clear that while few in the world wish for war, especially war that could potentially involve nuclear exchange, few have bought, in its entirety, the Western version of the war in Ukraine.

More importantly, most of the Global South, or major countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa, have chosen a more nuanced perspective—while being deeply critical of war, they have also considered multiple viewpoints to the conflict and their own interests including that of energy and food security.

This divergence is not confined to the war in Ukraine. It is seen in the climate change debates where some of the richest countries in the world are hesitant vis-à-vis climate equity and climate justice even as developing countries march ahead not only in embracing green technologies but also in demanding significant financing to ensure that the less prosperous countries can receive the funds transfer they need to make the transition.

Some of this debate is constructive: note for instance the growing ties between India and Australia on issues like energy and critical minerals which are propelling this partnership to new heights. Some, more raucous, are seen in many responses coming from parts of Africa to countries like France, Germany and Belgium, who are being asked hard questions about the legacy of colonialism as they seek to engage more deeply with African nations.

This debate is particularly pertinent because a large section of the Global North considers it is the repository and the custodian of something called the 'liberal order', and its mode of operation has traditionally been to bestow or hold back 'recognition' to other countries—especially of the Global South—on issues of democracy.

But in Asia and Africa, pushback to this modus operandi is growing, and a new negotiated relationship is emerging where the Global South seeks greater equity in the partnership, and freedom to take an independent stance on issues.

This new negotiation process needs a heartland, a centre-point, some place which has both the heft and the scale to bring the Global South together. New Delhi is a natural contender to play such a role and has actively sought to perform this task.

In January, India held the first Voice of Global South Summit which had 47 African countries, 29 Latin American and Caribbean, 31 Asian, 11 from the Oceania region, and seven from Europe. In contestation, China is focusing its energies more acutely on the developing world, restructuring its Belt and Road Initiative, organising a new summit with central Asian nations, and talking about how a Ukraine kind of conflict should not unfold in Asia.

> India is in somewhat of a sweet spot. Even though its relationship with China is at an all-time low, China's relationship with the US seems to sink further every day

But Chinese efforts try to obscure the fact that a lot of conflict, and potential conflict, originates from China and its expansion in Asia. Chinese predatory debt structures in countries like Sri Lanka and others have also caused immense turmoil.

With a history of the non-aligned movement and recent commitment to global goods and services (for instance in sending much-needed vaccines around the world), India has much greater credibility in the Global South and North than China.

As a democracy, India has also a much wider political canvas for dialogue, and as an extremely culturally diverse country, it is adept at working with some of the most crucial concerns on equity, respect, distribution of goods and services, and reinforcing sovereignty norms in the conversation between the Global North and the Global South. India is in the rare position of not only being able to bring together the Global South but also build effective bridges, like its role in the Quad, between the North and South.

There is now a consensus building that the peace benefits that came from the end of WWII and which, especially after the Cold War ended, brought about openness and prosperity throughout the world, are ending. The world will remain globalised but it will not be as open as it has been for more than half a century.

The war in Ukraine is changing the energy supply scenario comprehensively for the near future as Europe looks towards America instead of Russia for its needs. This means the US will become more vital for a large, and wealthy, part of the world for their energy (gas) needs—at least in the near term—boosting share prices of shale gas companies and weakening the environmental argument in America.

This might have a global negative influence on the fight against global warming. However, the fact that US oil fields are slowly running out of supply might be something to cheer, for it will drive a greater shift towards renewables in the country that has the most resources to drive this change. On its part, Russia will look more and more towards Asia to supply oil and gas, and its relationship not only with China and India but also the vast Southeast Asian populations will be a vital geopolitical factor.

India is in somewhat of a sweet spot—even though its relationship with China is at an all-time low, China's relationship with the US seems to sink further every day. The US, which now talks in terms of an existential contest with China, has a new House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, whose purpose is obvious in its name.

Both the energy and the environmental crisis—and the geopolitical contestation—will have adverse impact on the Global South, and only India is in somewhat of a sweet spot to negotiate middle paths to these challenges. It is likely, therefore, that it will emerge as the definitive capital of the Global South.

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AIADMK tussle

Apropos of *New boss EPS has a herculean task to rebuild AIADMK* (Apr 4). It is doubtful whether EPS can succeed because he has to face multi-pronged attacks from the OPS faction, TTV Dinakaran and cash-rich Sasikala. Since all these factions belong to the powerful Thevar community, they may ensure EPS' defeat by allying with each other. BJP is waiting for the opportune moment to engulf the factions of AIADMK so that it can be the main opposition in TN politics.

Ram Chandrasekaran, email

Caste discrimination

Apropos of *Quota neutralises venom of discrimination* (Apr 4). Reservation in education and employment is not a fundamental right. Already there is 69% reservation in TN against the 50% cap fixed by the SC. TN has not implemented the 10% EWS quota. When the Constitution's intention is to create an egalitarian society, harping on caste goes against this intention.

S Retnaswamy, Chennai

Global order

Apropos of *Conflict zones and the emerging world order* (Apr 4). The international scenario is witnessing turbulent scenes due to the overall decline in the ethical standard in relations among countries. This is evident from the unholy alliance between China and Pakistan, both unreliable adversaries. Lasting peace in the subcontinent is impossible unless they shed hypocritical policy decisions.

Jaya Thampi, email

Music class

Apropos of *The healing raga's lesson for us* (Apr 3). Nowadays we come across violent behaviour among children, with some going to the extent of murdering a classmate. Unlimited exposure to violence on TV and phones has been slowly poisoning the minds children. Including a music period every week will reduce negative thoughts.

P Prema, Thanjavur

Train attack

The dastardly attack on the Alappuzha-Kannur Express shows the inherent danger to life that pervades today's society, and the lackadaisical attitude of the railways towards passenger safety. That the incident has to be investigated threadbare and culprits punished befittingly have no second opinion.

George Jacob, Kochi

China's tactics

China renaming 11 places in Arunachal Pradesh is disgusting. It talks of good relations with India and Russia but continues provocative activities along the border. India has rightly condemned China's overzealous acts.

D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Tejashwi Yadav @yadavtejashwi
Addressed "All India Federation for Social Justice" & expressed solidarity for social justice & proportional representation of backward & downtrodden class

Hardik Patel @HardikPatel_
PM @narendramodi ji has once again emerged as the most popular leader globally. Youth like me are inspired by Modi Ji's vision for Atmanirbhar Bharat

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
Chapters on Mughal history dropped, Industrial Revolution, Cold War era & intriguingly reproduction of organisms dropped from 10-12th textbooks in UP

Security on table, PM meets Bhutan King

Visit comes days after Bhutan PM's remark in an interview to a newspaper that Thimpu was monitoring Doklam issue

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA'S special relationship with Bhutan, despite the recent pinpricks was on high level display on Tuesday when Bhutan King, Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. This public bonhomie and high-level visit by the Bhutanese King comes days after, Bhutanese PM Lotay Tshering interview to the Belgian newspaper La Libre which created concern in India

The Bhutanese PM, in that interview, had mentioned that Thimphu is monitoring the progress of India and China's efforts to resolve their boundary disputes, as he hoped to take forward the matter concerning the tri-junction and the Doklam plateau.

"Doklam is a junction point between India, China and Bhutan," he said.

"It is not up to Bhutan alone to fix the problem. There are three of us. There is no big or small country; all are three equal countries, each counting for one-third. Given this background, the Bhutanese King had discussions on wide-ranging issues, which also included security concerns of both the nations," said Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

However, when persistently asked about the Bhutanese PM's interview, Kwatra tersely said, "Questions related to Bhutan-China border should be asked to them."

Notwithstanding the irritants, the foreign secretary sounded positive. He said that India and Bhutan have intertwined national interests and government of India closely follows issues of national interest and takes all measures to safeguard them.

Meanwhile, the King of Bhutan was hosted by External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar along with CEOs of leading Indian companies on April 3. Ajit Doval, too, had an interaction with the King and spoke about security issues concerning both nations.

Bhutan is a strategically important country for India and the defence and security ties between the two sides have witnessed significant expansion in the last few years.

The strategic ties witnessed an upward trajectory in the last few years in the backdrop of a 73-day face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in Doklam tri-junction in 2017.

"India and Bhutan remain in close touch and coordination relating to our national interests and India has explicitly brought out our position on the demarcation of the (Doklam) trijunction," Kwatra added.

The Doklam plateau is considered an important area for India's strategic interest. The standoff at Doklam tri-junction in 2017 began after China tried to extend a road in an area that Bhutan claimed belonged to it. India had strongly opposed the construction as it would have impacted its overall security interests. The India-China face-off was resolved following several rounds of talks.

PM Modi with King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck in New Delhi on Tuesday | PTI

EAM hosts Wangchuck in meet with Indian CEOs

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13 emergency landing strips on NH ready: Gadkari

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a major step to boost military infrastructure, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Monday announced that 13 emergency landing facilities (ELFs) are ready for any situation, while others are awaiting approvals from the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Confirming the status of ELF construction on Monday Nitin Gadkari said, "A total of 29 such landing facilities will be constructed and we are continuing with the work on the others."

Gadkari at this newspaper's Delhi Dialogues, a monthly interaction with the power elite in Delhi, he added that in normal circumstances, the ELF will be used like any other national highway, but during emergencies, IAF will take over, while the service road will be used for smooth flow of traffic.

The first such facility was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Gadkari in September 2021.

"This emergency landing strip will be helpful not only during a war but also during times of natural calamities," Rajnath Singh had said during the opening of the strip in Rajasthan. "A natural calamity is no less than any war," he said.

The first ELF is on NH-925 at the Gandhav Bhakasar section, south of Barmer in Rajasthan, and will be used for aircraft operations during emergencies on the Western borders with Pakistan. The clearances from the IAF are necessary as it involves high impact landing of the fighters starting with the Sukhoi-30MKI fighter and the transport aircraft.

Of the 29 ELFs being constructed in the country, five will be in Assam, four in West Bengal, three each in Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, and two in Jammu and Kashmir.

These will help in case of operational military needs towards the northern and western borders.

Under the plan high quality highways and expressways that could be utilized as runways along with some modifications and construction of limited additional infrastructure for operation of various types of aircraft during emergency.

An IAF fighter jet lands at India's first emergency landing strip which was recently opened in Barmer

PM bats for integrated response to disasters

PM Narendra Modi on Tuesday pitched for an integrated response system to disasters. Addressing the 'International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure - 2023', he said disasters occurring in region can cause a big impact in other world regions in a closely connected global setting. "In a closely connected world, the impacts of disasters will not just be local; rather the disaster in one region can have a big impact in a completely different region. Therefore, our response should be integrated, not isolated," the PM said in his video address to the conference. He also said that 40 countries have also become part of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure in a few years. He also said that advanced economies, large and small countries and others are coming together at this forum.

World Bank, ADB slash India growth projection

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TWO global financial institutions — the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) — have slashed India's growth forecast for financial year 2024 citing the slowdown in consumption as a major challenge. The World Bank projects India's GDP to moderate to 6.3% against its earlier estimate of 6.6%, while the ADB slashed its India growth forecast to 6.4% from 7.2% estimated earlier.

"Real GDP growth is expected to moderate from 6.9% in FY22/23 to 6.3% in FY23/24, because of continued global growth spillovers, the lagged impact of the monetary policy tightening and slower consumption growth," said the World Bank on Tuesday in its latest India Development Update.

It added that weaker global growth prospects and rising borrowing costs are likely to weigh on discretionary spending. Add to it, consumer spending by lower income groups is expected to weaker than the tepid FY22/23 outcomes, due to slower growth in their incomes. Global growth is expected to slow down in 2023 to 1.8% (compared to 2.8% in 2022). At the same time, central banks worldwide continue to raise benchmark lending rates to tame inflation.

The World Bank said India's headline inflation is expected to average 5.2% in FY24, falling within RBI's target range. The current account deficit (shortfall between the money flowing in on exports and the money flowing out on imports) is likely to narrow to 2.1% of the GDP from 3% in FY23.

On the global factors impacting India's growth, the World Bank said the turmoil in the financial sector in the US and Europe could have implications for India. Meanwhile, the ADB said any worsening of geopolitical tensions is likely to exert further downward pressure on global demand, denting India's growth rate.

BODYLINE

Communal rewriting: Yechury

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FORMER General Secretary of CPI(M) Sitaram Yechury called the revisions a communal rewriting of history. "Communal rewriting of history intensifies. NCERT revises Class XII history book removing chapters on Mughal empire. The lands of India have always been the churning crucible of civilisational advances through cultural confluences," he said.

However, Sakhlani said, "It's a false and baseless allegation. The process of rationalisation took place last year in view of the pandemic. It was to reduce pressure on the students as there were concerns on how they would study the complete syllabus. There was a general consensus that we should reduce the content and course load to help students, which is why NCERT took up the process of rationalisation."

Meanwhile, developmental educationist VP Niranjanaradhya told TNIE that history is a science, and needs to be presented in an objective manner, with proof and evidence. "NCERT has been doing this for decades since Independence, however, these changes are the agenda of the right wing," he said.

41% rise in students appearing for CUET; No. of univs up from 90 to 242

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE second edition of Common University Entrance Test (CUET) - UG has received over 14 lakh applications, registering a 41 per cent jump in the total number of students taking the examinations for admission in undergraduate courses at central universities. This year, the number of universities that have accepted the CUET score has gone up to 242 from 90 in 2022, UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar told this newspaper.

The last date for applications for CUET-UG was March 30 and the exam is scheduled to be conducted from May 21-31. In a deviation from the usual pattern, the exam will be conducted in three shifts this year. The top three states where most students will appear in CUET-UG are Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, and Bihar. The five central universities that have received the maximum applications are Delhi University, Banaras Hindu University, University of Allahabad, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University and Jamia Millia Islamia.

Kumar said among the five southern states — Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu — a significant number of students from Kerala will attempt CUET-UG this time. This year 56,111 students from Kerala have applied for CUET-UG compared to 3,303 in 2022, showing an increase of 51 per cent.

The second largest number of submitted applications in 2023 is from Tamil Nadu, which stands at 24,462, an increase of 45 per cent compared to 2022.

Covid: Maha sees 200% jump in cases, 11 dead

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

INDIA reported over 3,000 new Covid-19 cases, with Maharashtra witnessing a nearly 200 per cent jump in cases on Tuesday. The state, which first reported the new Covid-19 sub-variant XBB.1.16 that has triggered the current surge in India, reported 711 new cases compared to 248 on Monday. The state also reported four Covid-19 deaths.

Maharashtra, which is the worst affected, reported 11 Covid deaths in the last seven days. According to Union Health Minister, India reported 3,038 Covid-19 cases, while the active cases increased to 21,179. The death toll in India has climbed to 5,30,901, with nine deaths recorded in 24 hours. The deaths were reported from Delhi and Punjab – two each, followed by one from J&K, Maharashtra, and Uttarakhand.

Delhi on Tuesday registered 521 Covid-19 cases, with the positivity rate at 15.64 per cent. The national capital also reported one death. Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot, and former CM and BJP leader Vasundhara Raje have tested positive.

Eyeing $2 tn exports by '30, India embarks upon a dynamic trade policy

RAKESH MOHAN JOSHI
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EXHIBITING a transformational departure from earlier trade policy announcements, the new trade policy announced by the government provides much-needed flexibility and dynamism in addressing long-standing needs of international trade dynamics. Since 1992, Export-Import (EXIM) Policies were announced for five years, renamed as Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) in 2004, necessitating numerous amendments from time to time to the extent that the essence of the initial policy announcement got significantly altered. The FTP has no end date, providing dynamism and flexibility to assess the international business environment and make necessary modifications consistently.

The government sets a target of achieving exports worth $2 trillion by 2030 and brings out a broad strategy to achieve the same. Given India's total exports, goods and services included, touching over $760, backed by the futuristic policy measures in the new FTP, India may achieve these targets much earlier than expected.

The FTP presents a comprehensive and unified document, with impressive precision, delineating the government's vision, unlike earlier policy traditions to present the policy in multiple parts detailing out incentive schemes and rebates, procedural modalities, and even input-output norms.

The new FTP envisages active engagement with states at the district level to effectively implement policy measures to promote exports. It calls for states' active participation in export promotion, which had hitherto been indifferent to exports, not only at the state -level but even encouraged at the district level by the One-District-One-Product scheme (ODOP) and promotion of district export hubs.

The new FTP is WTO-compliant as Indian policies were criticised for proving subsidies for being non-compatible under the WTO's Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures.

Creating export competitiveness of products seems to be the key focus of the new FTP as it departs from the era of incentives to remission of duties and taxation and operational ease of the entire trade cycle.

Research often indicates that providing financial incentives with an assortment of complex procedures hardly helps the sustainability of exports, especially in the long term. But to make it competitive in the international marketplace, the governments must have the courage to take tough decisions like doing away with subsidies. There is no secret that a substantial part of financial subsidies had considerable seepage before it reached the target beneficiaries. Moreover, even importers hardly hesitate to get their share in such subsidies by way of forcing price cuts in many a case.

Drawing a new chapter in exports

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Key policy measures to facilitate exporters include the digitisation of applications for several export promotion schemes such as advanced authorisation, exports promotion capital goods (EPCG) scheme, duty-free import authorisation scheme, and exports imports licenses have been made completely paperless and online. Moreover, rule-based automatic approval systems using business analytical tools are being implemented by DGFT with a processing time of just a day, which would considerably speed up the export operations and reduce the hassles.

To boost exports of manufactured goods, a host of targeted interventions in the policy, such as the inclusion of Prime Minister Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM Mitra) scheme for benefits under Common Service Provider (CSP) under the EPCH scheme. Extending a special advance authorisation scheme for the apparel and clothing sector would greatly facilitate the speedy execution of export orders. Special measures have been taken to support the dairy industry to upgrade the technology by way of exemption from maintaining average exports obligation, which would go a long way to transform India, the world's largest milk producer with a 24% share globally in milk production but less than 0.5% share in world dairy exports, into world's leading dairy exporter.

The policy introduces special provisions to boost merchant trading activities from India, especially in the case of third-country trade where the goods do not touch India. Special emphasis is on promoting e-commerce exports with the intent to set up e-commerce export hubs, backed by a separate policy framework.

Internationalisation of trade in rupee that allows trade settlement in Indian rupee with enabling provisions for the grant of exports incentives under the FTP and fulfilment of exports obligations for exports realisation in rupee as per the RBI is highly commendable.

The flexibility of the FTP may now be leveraged to incorporate an increased emphasis on international market promotions, dynamic exploration of potential markets and brand building. Even export promotion organisations, such as EPCs, commodity boards and trade associations, may be supported in their international market promotion efforts backed by increased provisions in schemes like market access initiative.

However, it would make strategic sense if officers of the Indian Trade Service, well-trained in the intricacies of global trade with hands-on experience, are posted in overseas missions, similar to large economies, with the sole task of promotion of trade and investments.

OFFICERS SUSPENDED

Three senior jail superintendents were suspended after "objectionable material" was found in their prisons in UP during a search conducted on April 1, an official said on Tuesday.

5 KILLED AS BUS OVERTURNS IN HP'S KULLU

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	34	22	Mumbai	34	25
Bhopal	29	18	Panaji	29	23
Jaipur	29	18	Patna	31	20
Amritsar	26	14	Lucknow	28	19
Chennai	32	26	Port Blair	32	25
Kolkata	30	22	Imphal	25	13
Srinagar	16	07	Chandigarh	24	16

Raj doctors call off strike against Right to Health Act

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE doctors in Rajasthan on Tuesday called off their fortnight-long agitation after a consensus was arrived at and an eight-point agreement was agreed upon between the two sides. The deadlock was ended after the protesting doctors held a meeting at the residence of Chief Secretary Usha Sharma.

Private hospitals/doctors in the state went on an agitation over the implementation of the Right to Health (RTH) in Rajasthan. CM Ashok Gehlot tweeted: "I am happy that finally an agreement has been reached between the government and doctors on RTH and Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to implement the same. I hope the relationship between doctors and patients will remain the same in future."

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the state government, Indian Medical Association, Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Society (PHNHS) and United Private Clinics' &Hospitals' Association of Rajasthan (UPCHAR) . A consensus reached over eight points.

As per the agreement, most of the private hospitals have been excluded from the ambit of the Bill. Multi-specialty hospitals with a bed capacity of 50 or more and private hospitals operating without any government help will be excluded from the purview of the Right to Health Act.

Hospitals and private medical colleges operating on a public-private partnership (PPP) mode will come under the purview of this law. Hospitals that have received land from the government at concessional rates and are being operated by trusts will also come under its ambit. Police cases or other types of cases filed during the doctors' strike will be cancelled.

A single-window system will be implemented for permission related to hospitals, and fire NOCs will be considered every five years. The RTH Act provides mandatory free and affordable medical services in hospitals, clinics and laboratories, both public and privately owned.

MHA seeks report on Bengal in 3 days

Shah's letter to Chief Secy comes after violence over Ram Navami procession rocks state

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

HOURS after violence in Rishra, Hooghly, during a Ram Navami procession on Tuesday, Union Home Minister Amit Shah sought a report from the West Bengal government within three days. Shah wrote to Chief Secretary H K Dwivedi asking him to submit the report on violence in Howrah's Shibpur and Rishra in Hooghly.

The letter from Delhi to the state government came after the BJP's Bengal chapter wrote to the Home Minister seeking the Centre's intervention following the violence.

Cutting short his Darjeeling trip, Governor CV Ananda Bose visited the trouble-torn areas in Rishra and assured strict action against law breakers. The Governor was in Darjeeling for a G20 meeting.

"There will be solid action by all law enforcement agencies. We will never allow miscreants to take law in hand. Police will come down heavily on them. Bengal has been suffering for a long time and we will put an end to it," Bose said.

The Governor also visited SSKM Hospital in Kolkata to visit the injured partici pants of the Ram Navami procession, including BJP MLA Biman Ghosh.

Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose visits the violence-afftected area on Tuesday | PTI

Stone-pelting late on Monday night near a level-crossing in Rishra had led to suspension of train services between Howrah and Bandel section for about three hours. The services were resumed after midnight. Internet services remained suspended in Rishra as the administration is trying to quell rumours. The district police dismantled a stage which was set up to stage a protest by BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar.

The BJP president was on Monday stopped by police on Delhi Road near Dankuni as he was not allowed to visit Rishra where section 144 was imposed following the violence.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday said these were not clashes between two communities, but criminal acts by goons hired by the BJP. "Violence is not Bengal's culture. BJP has brought in hired hooligans from outside. This is not communal violence, this is criminal violence," she said while addressing a rally in Khejuri, East Midnapore.

"The BJP is behind the violence in Hooghly and Howrah. They had brought in hired 'goondas' from other states to unleash violence in Bengal, which is not in our culture. They pitting one community against another," she said.

Man seen with pistol held in Bihar

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SUMIT Sah alias Sumit Shaw, who the police identified as the man brandishing a country-made pistol during the Ram Navami procession taken out by Vishwa Hindu Parishad in Howrah, was arrested on Tuesday from Munger district in Bihar and subsequently taken on transit remand.

Munger superintendent of police J Jala Reddy said a police team from Bengal visited Munger and sought the cooperation from district police to arrest the accused who had returned to his friend's home after Ram Navami celebrations. Reddy told this newspaper over phone on Tuesday that the accused was initially quizzed by the police officials of Bengal police who had been camping in the city for a couple of days.

A video showing Shaw with a country-made pistol during Ram Navami had gone viral on social media. Munger is notorious for manufacture of illegal weapons of all make.

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'Har-Ki-Pauri' corridor along lines of Kashi

'Har-Ki-Pauri' Haridwar and Rishikesh corridor is set to be built in Uttrakhand on the lines of Kashi Vishwanath and Ujjain Mahakal corridor. In a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has apprised him of this scheme. Giving information about the reconstruction works of Kedarnath and Badrinath Dham, CM Dhami said that 48 temples and gurudwaras have been identified as circuits under the 'Manaskhand Temple Mala Mission'. mentioned in 'Skandapurana', in Kumaon region. In the first phase, development is being planned in 16 temples.

Drones to provide jobs to 5,000 youth

American organisation McKenzie Global has introduced the blueprint of 'Uttarakhand Drone Promotion and Use Policy 2023' to promote usage of drones in the holy state. This will provide employment to 5,000 youth through drone production and services in the state. The investment target for this sector is ₹1,000 crore. The draft policy has been released on the McKenzie website. Suggestions on the policy has been sought from the public and other stakeholders. The policy will be finalised after taking suggestions from the public," ITDA Director Nitika Khandelwal said. After this, the policy will be placed in the cabinet for approval.

3.7 lakh internet user base rises in 9 months

Work is going on at a rapid pace to expand internet services in different areas of Uttarakhand. In the recent years, the number of internet users has also expanded in many border areas. A total of 87.5 lakh people are using internet in Uttarakhand. Of these, the number of consumers in rural areas is 40.8 lakh and 46.7 lakh in urban areas. Compared to the two figures of TRAI, the number of internet users in the state has increased by 3.7 lakh in just nine months. The data given in the TRAI report released in March 2023 states that the total internet users in Uttarakhand are 75.50 per cent.

UTTAR PRADESH

Board planned for teachers' recruitment

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Uttar Pradesh government has mooted the plan to set up an integrated body, named 'Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission' (UPESSC), for the recruitment of teachers at all the levels—primary, secondary, higher and technical education—on Tuesday.

While reviewing the teacher recruitment process, which has been under question time and again in the state, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath issued guidelines regarding the formation of the integrated commission for the selection of candidates. As per the state government spokesman, taking a more pragmatic approach towards the recruitment of teachers to educational institutions at all levels, the state government found it appropriate to set up a unified commission for teachers' appointment.

At present, teachers' recruitment takes place through separate authorities, boards and commissions in the state. Teachers are also being appointed through Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission.

Christians set to float political party in Punjab, likely to impact SC seats

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

FOR the first time in Punjab, a Christian political party will soon be seeking to challenge the established parties of the state by the 2024 parliamentary elections. Its immediate echo could as well be in evidence in the Jalandhar Lok Sabha by-poll on May 10.

As per the last census, Christians account for a little more than 1% of the population of Punjab, but a major portion coming from the lower strata has either converted to Christianity or are its various sections. Most Scheduled Castes in the state have already changed their faith to Christianity — not on paper but in their heart. They are staunch followers of the churches, particularly ministry churches, and are said to be a part of Pentecostalism. In terms of the SC population, Punjab has 32 per cent of them, which is the highest in any state in the country.

As per the previous census data, Sikhs make up about 58% of the population, Hindus 38%, and Muslims 2%. The United Punjab Party (UPP) was announced on Monday by 35 Coastal Christian Community Management Committees, a panel of around 1,000 religious leaders in village Khojewala of Kapurthala, surprising all main political parties – the AAP, SAD, Congress, and the BJP. Talking to this daily, Albert Dua, president of the UPP, said: "We don't want freebies. but facilities from which we have been deprived."

He said the party has applied for registration with the authorities and plans to contest the 2024 Lok Sabha polls from all 13 parliamentary constituencies of the state. "As far as the Jalandhar by-poll is concerned for the next month, if we find a capable candidate, then we will support him as an independent candidate.

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Maha NCP, Cong agree to disagree on Savarkar and PM's education

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Sharad Pawar-led NCP has quietly and cleverly drifted apart from the Congress on the VD Savarkar issue. The NCP is demanding the highest award of Bharat Ratna to VD Savarkar for his contributions in the freedom struggle.On Monday, Ajit Pawar said the academic degree of PM Narendra Modi was not the important issue, but "the rise in gas prices and unemployment are."

Earlier on Monday, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut tweeted, "Some people are calling Hon. The PM 's degree is fake. I sincerely believe that the Degree in #EntirePoliticalScience is historical & revolutionary! Hence it should be displayed at the grand entrance of our new Parliament building, so that people stop raising doubts about it!" Reacting to it, Ajit Pawar said that Narendra Modi has been the Prime minister of India for the last nine years. So what is the point of raising his degree issue now?"

Ajit Pawar said the BJP is in power in central and state government, "so they should confer the Bharat Ratna to Savarkar." He said Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena started the Savarkar Gaurav Yatra in Maharashtra. "BJP is in power in Maharashtra and at the Centre, then, which auspicious day are they waiting to confer Bharat Ratna to Savakrar? There are many national icons and great people who have not been conferred with Bharat Ratna. Savarkar is one of them. BJP is doing politics in Savarkar's name," said Pawar.

He said earlier former Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari insulted Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Savitri Bai Phule and Mahatma Phule with his controversial remarks. At that time, BJP kept its mouth shut. "It shows that the BJP wants to do the convenience of politics. The talkative leaders of the BJP made controversial statements against our national icons. That time BJP neither stopped them nor condemned their remarks," Ajit Pawar said.

Earlier Maha Vikas Aghadi's alliance partner Shiv Sena had also demanded Bharat Ratna for Savakar and made such a proposal when Uddhav Thackeray was the chief minister.

But Congress has a different stand over Savarkar. Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole said the MVA was formed on common minimum agendas and Savarkar was not a part of it. He said it is an open fact that Shiv Sena and Congress have different stands when it comes to him. "When all freedom fighters were fighting for the country, Savarkar filed the mercy petitions. Besides, he has also written the objectionable stuff against Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and his son," Patole said.

Arunachal: India rejects China's invented names

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA on Tuesday rejected outright China's attempts at renaming parts of Arunachal Pradesh.

"We have seen such reports. This is not the first time China has made such an attempt. We reject this outright. Arunachal Pradesh is, has been and will always be an integral and inalienable part of India. Attempts to assign invented names will not alter this reality," said Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs. Bagchi's reaction came a day after Beijing announced Chinese names for 11 more places in Arunachal Pradesh, which the neighbour claims is part of southern Tibet.

This was the third time China put out such a list. In 2017, the Chinese Ministry of Civilian Affairs had brought out its first list of six renamed places in Zangnan, the Chinese name for Arunachal Pradesh. Four years later, it released a list of 15 renamed places.

The 11 on the latest places include five mountain peaks, two residential areas, two land areas and two rivers. The claimed geographical area has always been part of India.

Reacting to India's criticism, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning claimed "Zangnan is part of China's territory." "In accordance with relevant stipulation of the administration of geographical names of the State Council, competent authorities of the Chinese government have standardised the names of some parts of Zangnan. This is within China's sovereign rights," she said.

The first list was published in the year when Indian and Chinese troops were locked in a face-off for 73 days in the strategic Doklam area at the trijunction of India, Bhutan and China borders. China was forced to withdraw its troops to end the stand-off.

The second and the third lists come amid the ongoing standoff between the Indian Army and PLA forces ever since April 2020 on the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh.

U'khand seeks ₹3,000 cr aid for Joshimath rehab

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has demanded an economic package of ₹2,942.99 crore for relief, displacement and infrastructure development works in disaster-hit Joshimath.

The CM, who met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, also discussed the plan for rehabilitation and displacement in the concerned areas. During the hour-long meeting, he briefed the PM about the steps taken and future plans for relief and rescue work in Joshimath.

During the discussion, Dhami stressed on "immediate construction of 150 pre-built houses under temporary relief, filling of cracks and giving immediate allowance to the affected".

He also discussed with the Prime Minister the issue of "fixing separate compensation for loss of residential and commercial buildings and businesses in rehabilitation and relief scheme, land of families coming in vulnerable areas and permanent rehabilitation".

MP announces relief to farmers for damaged crops

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

IN a relief to the weather-beaten farmers across Madhya Pradesh, the newly harvested wheat– which has lost its lustre and thickness due to recent spells of rains and hailstorm – will be acquired by the government through the ongoing procurement exercise.

"Directions have been issued to all government procurement centres to purchase wheat from farmers, even that wheat which has lost its lustre and thickness, on being hit hard by recent spell of inclement weather in many districts of the state," MP home and public relations minister Narottam Mishra said on Tuesday.

Just a few days ago, the state government had decided to buy wheat from farmers which is up to 14 per cent moist. The latest development is in line with the central government's recent relaxation of norms for grains with lustre losses to be purchased from farmers.

On Tuesday, while chairing the state cabinet meeting, Chief Minster Shivraj Singh Chouhan detailed his council of ministers about the findings of the ongoing survey of losses to Rabi crop by untimely rains-hailstorm in various parts of the state last month.

"Though the outcome of the ongoing survey is awaited from 3-4 districts, the findings which are with the government up till now, reveal that crops on around 70,000 hectares have been hit by the inclement weather. Keeping this in mind, a relief sum of ₹64 crore has already been earmarked," Chouhan said.

Last month, while taking stock of the damage caused to crops in Sagar and Vidisha districts of Bundelkhand and Central MP respectively, the CM had announced compensating the farmers (who have lost over 50 per cent crops) at the rate of ₹32,000 per hectare, which he claimed was highest anywhere in the country. In addition, the weather-beaten farmers would also be indemnified under the crop insurance scheme, offsetting their total loss of Rabi crop.

The CM also asked his minster colleagues (particularly those who are guardian ministers of untimely rain and hailstorm-hit districts) to personally ensure that crop loss survey is done efficiently so that the compensation money (excluding the crop insurance sum) can be credited into the weather-beaten farmers' bank accounts through single click in coming days.

"All ministers of affected districts should also ensure that the process of indemnification of the concerned farmers under the crop insurance sc heme too is accelerated," the CM said. Out of the 52 districts, standing and newly harvested Rabi crops in around 20 districts of central MP were hit badly by multiple spells of rains last month.

Takeaways from cabinet meet

730 schools in the state to be covered under the PM Shri Schools Scheme

714.91 cr approved for new medical college in Budhni (CM's assembly constituency in Sehore district)

- FIRs to be lodged against those responsible for open bore-wells, encroaching wells, step-wells
- Owing to the new controlled excise policy, **2,611** *ahatas* (liquor served in shops) and **232** such shops located within **100** metres of educational institutes and places of worship closed from April 1.

Findings reveal that crops on around 70k hectares have been hit by inclement weather. Keeping this in mind, a relief sum of ₹64 cr has already been earmarked —Shivraj Singh Chouhan, MP CM

FOUR
died after an earthquake in Papua New Guinea destroyed more than 300 homes on Tuesday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	18	11	TDS	Los Angeles	21	9	LC
Colombo	32	24	LC	Melbourne	21	11	HR
Dhaka	34	25	TDS	Moscow	15	4	HR
Dubai	27	19	SNY	New York	13	11	LC
Houston	26	14	SNY	Singapore	30	26	TDS
Istanbul	11	7	LC	Toronto	11	7	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	30	21	LC

Security tight as Trump supporters demonstrate outside courthouse

Former Prez claims radical left dems criminalised justice system

Supporters of former President Donald Trump gather outside of the Manhattan Criminal Court before his arraignment on Tuesday | AFP

NEW YORK

DONALD Trump was set on Tuesday to plead not guilty to criminal charges in a New York courtroom in an unprecedented case that threatens to upend the 2024 White House race.

Trump is the first sitting or former American president to be criminally indicted—a historic development that has propelled the United States into uncharted political waters.

Amid tight security in Manhattan, and a global media frenzy, the 76-year-old will learn at his arraignment precisely what charges he faces over hush money paid to a porn star ahead of the 2016 election that brought him to power.

Thousands of police lined the streets while helicopters buzzed in the skies ahead of the journey that will be carried live on US networks, although video cameras will not be allowed inside the courtroom.

The twice-impeached Republican claims he is the victim of "political persecution"—but is also using the court case to energize his support base and raise millions of dollars for his bid to reclaim the White House next year. "The radical left democrats have criminalised the justice system," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social hours before the hearing, branding the legal proceedings a "kangaroo court."

Meanwhile, dozens of Trump supporters demonstrated outside the courthouse on Tuesday, as a handful of vocal counter protestors shouted an anti-fascist message.

Members of the New York Police Department community affairs division stepped in to the fray as the pro-Trump side —many sporting familiar "MAGA" hats and attire emblazoned with the American flag —yelled slurs at their opposition. The anti-Trump camp unfurled a large banner reading "Trump lies all the time" and chanted "Lock him up!" as Team MAGA waved a flag with the slogan "Trump or Death.

At one point during the demonstrations, a Trump supporter attempted to rip the other side's banner, prompting the police officials to step in.

"I've been jumped several times now," a regular anti-Trump protestor, Laurie Biter, told *AFP*. The 64-year-old praised the charges against Trump but added that, "It's not just an indictment going through a court." *AFP*

From left, foreign ministers of Denmark, Norway, Finland, Belgium and Germany speak as they attend the NATO-Ukraine Commission in Brussels on Tuesday | AP

In a major blow to Kremlin, Finland finally joins NATO

BRUSSELS

FINLAND joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. Finland's membership doubles Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance. Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO.

"The era of nonalignment in our history has come to an end —a new era begins," President Sauli Niinistö said before his country's blue-and-white flag was raised outside NATO headquarters.

In praising Finland's membership, US President Joe Biden noted it came on the 74th anniversary of the signing of NATO's founding treaty on April 4, 1949. "When Putin launched his brutal war of aggression against...Ukraine, he thought he could divide Europe and NATO. He was wrong," Biden said. "Today, we are more united than ever. And together—strengthened by our newest ally, Finland—we will continue to preserve transatlantic security, defend every inch of NATO territory, and meet any and all challenges we face."

"Finland now has the strongest friends and allies in the world," NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said. Joining NATO puts Finland under the alliance's Article Five, the defence pledge that an attack on one member "shall be considered an attack against them all." Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent his congratulations to Finland, writing that "amid Russian aggression, the Alliance became the only effective guarantee of security in the region." But Moscow erupted in fury at the move, which takes its frontier with NATO member states to 2,500 km, branding it an "assault" on Russia's security interests. *Agencies*

20 Iranian girls hospitalised in new wave of poison attacks

TEHRAN

TWENTY Iranian schoolgirls were hospitalised on Tuesday after the latest in a mysterious wave of poisoning attacks that have sickened thousands of pupils, state media reported. The girls were treated after suffering shortness of breath, in Tabriz, capital of the northwestern province of East Azerbaijan, reported *IRNA*.

"Emergency experts were immediately dispatched to the scene after a report that a number of students from one of the girls high schools in Tabriz were in a bad condition," Asghar Jafari, head of the city's emergency service, told *IRNA*. The "vital signs... and the general condition of all students is good," he added. *AFP*

Groups laud scrapping of death penalty

Human rights groups on Tuesday applauded Malaysia's move to scrap the mandatory death penalty. Instead of the death penalty, lawmakers approved bills to give courts option of imposing prison sentences of between 30 and 40 years and caning not less than 12 times. Phil Robertson of Human Rights Watch said Malaysia's progressive stance could help "break the logjam on forward movement towards abolition of the death penalty" in the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Malaysian rights groups called on the country's Senate to swiftly pass the bills so that the king can sign them into law

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr.M.Somasundaram & Mrs. Suganthi.S.,** had negotiated to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **Mrs. Usha Nandini Vijayakumar,** who is the owner of the Schedule Property, if any body having any claims, right, title, interest or any objections of the proposed sale, may please submit their representations/objections along with the documentary proof to the undersigned advocate **within 15 days** from the date of publication of this Notice, if there is no response from anybody, my client shall be at liberty to proceed to obtain the Sale Deed in their favour.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Site No.186, carved in Sy. No.11, in the layout formed by the Shanthinagar House Building Co-op. Society Ltd., Bangalore, Situated at Srinivagilu Amanikere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West on Northern side 41'3" Feet, East to West on Southern side 41'6" Feet and North to South 30' Feet, totally measuring 1241 Sq. Feet and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site Nos.177 & 178, **North by :** Plot No.187, **South by :** Plot No.185.

L. P. NARASIMHAMURTHY, Advocate,
BILVA LAW CHAMBERS, No.48, II Floor,
BDA Shopping Complex, HSR Layout,
Bangalore – 560 102, Cell No.9448041419.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public is hereby notified that **Mr. Vikshith.C.V** is intending to purchase the property belongs to **Arvind Kailasam and Archana Kailasam** described in the schedule below.

If any person or persons or financial institution or Bank has any claim over the schedule property or any person or persons claim any right, title or interest, over the schedule property, the same may be lodged with the undersigned within seven days from today, along with relevant documents, failing which it will be presumed that the schedule property is free from any such claim and any claim received thereafter will not bind my client and would not be considered by my client.

SCHEDULE :

All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.13, Sy No.45/1, Situated Channasandra Village, Hamlet of Banaswadi, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on;
East by - Hanumantha Reddy Layout,
West by - Site No.14,
North by - Road,
South by - Site No.12.
Measuring East to West: 35ft, North to South: 40ft, in all measuring 1400sqft.

V.L.Associates
Advocates.
No.56, Out house, 19th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Ph: 9481900851/ 9743323668.
Place: Bangalore Date: 04.03.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Mr. V. Nataraja S/o. Late. Venkobha Rao,** R/o No. 102, 36th Cross, Marenahalli Tank Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bengaluru- 560 041, have lost the Original General Power of Attorney dated 09-03-2000, executed by Ramachandrappa and others in favour of Dharam Singa Yadav, registered vide document No. 241/1999-2000, of Book IV, Volume SF 120, at pages 11 to 16, in the office of Sub-Registrar Yelahanka, Bengaluru, pertaining to the property bearing Site Nos. 11 and 12, Khatha No. 55, presently within the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 11, situated at 3rd A' Cross, Singapura Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 Square feet. Inspite of best efforts he could not trace the above original document and in this regard, he has reported the loss of original document to Bengaluru City Police vide Lost report No. 0521298/2023 on 03/04/2023. Finders of the said original document and any persons having any objections or claims, may with documentary evidence lodge their objections or claims, within 7 days from the date of this notice to the undersigned, failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims and objections.

Naveen Kumar. G, Advocate,
20/8, 2nd A Main, 7th Cross, BSK I Stage,
Srinivasnagar, Bengaluru- 560 050.
Mob No. : 9964414461.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mr. Ramanarayanan Mahadevan** S/o. Mr. Mahadevan Narayanaswamy, aged about 55 years, that the **Original Agreement of Sale**, entered by **and between M/s. Total Environment Building Systems Private Limited and Mr. Ramanarayanan Mahadevan** for the Property being a residential unit bearing Unit No. 7121 on the Eleventh Floor (Twelfth Level), having Super Built Up Area of 2500 Sq.Ft., consisting of living room, 3 bed rooms, kitchen, bathrooms, utility, store room, etc., with 1(one) independent car park and 1 (one) linked (dependent) car park behind the independent car park space along with undivided share of 669 Sq.Ft., situated at Hoodi/Sonnehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, has been lost/misplaced by our client **Mr. Ramanarayanan Mahadevan,** for which the undersigned has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide **e-Lost Report No. 0518940/2023 on 31/03/2023** with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).

If anyone finds these document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing documents without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **14 days** from the day of this paper publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Sd/- **Anupam Agarwal**
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 1206-1207, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower,
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in
Place: Bangalore Date 05/04/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Publics are hereby informed that my Clients **Maregowda.B.A & Byregowda.B.A** are the owners of the Schedule property. **Smt.Meda Madhavi, W/o.Meda Suresh and Smt.Ashtalakshmi, W/o.Suresh.K, fraudulently got the Sale deeds in the name of death person and obtain Katha in their name**

My Clients has instituted a suit against the aforesaid persons and others in **O.S.No. 212/2023** on the file of **the Prl. Senior Civil Judge at Nelamangala** and also obtained an **TEMPORARY INJUNCTION** retraining **Smt.Ashtalakshmi, in creating/encumbering any third party interest** in respect of the schedule property.

Therefore, General public are hereby warned not to entering into any sort of transactions with the aforesaid persons. If anybody entered into any kind of transactions with aforesaid persons, in respect of schedule property, it amounts to contempt of court.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Agricultural land **bearing Sy.No.126 measuring to an extent of 1 Acres 20 Guntas of Hunnigere village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru,** bonded on
East by - Government Gomala,
West by - Lingamaraiah's property,
North by - Kariyappa's property,
South by - Chikkahosalaiah's property.

RAMESHA. M S & Associates,
Advocate & Legal Consultants,
No.114/39-1, Office No.2, 1st Floor,
Off Magadi road, Near tollgate,
Opp to Sindhya Sunshine apartment,
2nd Main road, Rajajinagara Indl. Town,
Bengaluru-560 044, Mob.No.9900979927,
Email Id: Rameshtsc.ms@gmail.com

COAL INDIA LIMITED
(A Maharatna Company)

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of Coal India Ltd **www.coalindia.in** / respective Subsidiary Company, CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Procurement Portal **htttps://eprocure.gov.in**. In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in**".

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **M/S PIONIER PPROJECT,** a registered Partnership Firm, having its office at No.48, 2nd Floor, I-Star Building,100 Feet Road, 4th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore 560 034 ("Landowner"), intends to transact with respect to the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY.**

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within **15 days** of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Landowner in relation to its ownership of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the converted immovable property bearing **Survey No.141/1** measuring 3 Acres 35 guntas including 3 guntas of kharab, duly converted for Non Agricultural Residential Use vide Order Dated: 15.11.2022, bearing No: ALN(ASH) SR: 196/2022-2023, by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Urban District, Bangalore, situated at **Huskur Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore,** which is bounded on the : **East by : Halla; West by : Chikkanagamangala Boundary; North by: Halla; South by : Land bearing Sy.Nos.141/2 & 141/3.**

Mr. S T Prashantha Kumar,
Partner, **Fox Mandal & Associates, Solicitors & Advocates,**
FM House, 6/12, Primrose Road,
Bangalore-560025, Karnataka, India
Phone: +91 80 2559 5911

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to purchase the Property, which is more fully described in the Schedule below from its Owners **Mrs. R. Vijayalakshmi and Mr. W. A. Dhruvakumar,** both residing at No. 4/1, 8th 'A' Main Road, Rajmahal Vilas Extension, Bengaluru-560 094. Any person/s having any right, title, interest, lien, charge or claim whatsoever in, upon or to the Schedule Property or to any portion thereof, by way of any easement or under agreements, arrangements, lease, trust, inheritance, gift, partition, bequest, possession, mortgage, exchange or under any deed/instrument easement or however otherwise, may submit his/her/its/their objection/s claim/s, in writing to me at the under mentioned address, through Registered Post, along with the supporting documentary evidence, within **FIFTEEN** days of the issuance of this notice, failing which, my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE : All that Property presently bearing Municipal No. 4/1, constructed on Site bearing 27/A (situated at Plot No. 2) Situated at 8th 'A' Main Road, Rajmahal Vilas Extension, Aramane Nagar Ward No.35, Bengaluru-560 094, PID No. 99-20-4/1 measuring East to West : 40.00 Feet and North to South:78 Feet in all measuring 3120 Square Feet and bounded as follows : On The East : Property Bearing No. 27, West : Private Property, North : Property Bearing No. 28/A, South : 30 Feet Road. Bengaluru.

(K.S. MADANA GOPAL) Advocate,
No.1, Ground Floor, Royal Park, No. 34,
Park Road, Bengaluru-560051.
Ph. No. 22864065

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to public that my client **Sri. Srinivasan S** states that Sale deed dated 20-08-2014 executed by Sri. C Bhaskar in favour of Sri. N Kantharaju and Mr. K Vijay Kumar, vide document No. BYP-1-02034/2014-15, C.D No. BYPD215, Registered at the office of the sub- registrar Byatarayanapura Bangalore, was lost. If anybody get any information about the said document/in the possession of the same/having any claim/interest in the schedule property may write/contact to the undersigned **within 15 days** with documentary proof failing which my clients will treat the certified copy of the said document as original and objections received thereafter is not binding upon my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Northern portion of Site No. 1, Property No. 131/2, Situated at Amruthahalli village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Presently comes under BBMP Limits, measuring East to West (29+27.3)/2 ft and North to South (23+23.7)/2 ft, Totally measuring 658 sq ft and Bounded on:
East by : Mugappa's House and remaining Portion of Same Property. **West by** : Road.
North by :Channel and remaining portion of same property. **South by :** Southern portion of Same Site No. 1.

POORNIMA .K.S, Advocate.
2710, 6th Main, 2nd Stage, K.S. Layout,
Bangalore-560 078. Mobile No. 9886244736.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given on behalf of our client **Mrs. Leelavathi Prahalad,** that the **Original Rectification deed dated 03/08/1979**, executed by **Mrs. Leelavathi Prahalad in favour of Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore, represented by its Chairman,** for the Property being a site No. 45, IV East, Jayanagar, has been lost/misplaced by our client **Mrs. Leelavathi Prahalad,** for which the undersigned has registered an appropriate Lost Article complaint vide **e-Lost Report No. 0519067/2023 on 31/03/2023** with Karnataka State Police (Bangalore City unit).

If anyone finds these document, please return it to the undersigned party. All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the above-mentioned missing documents without approval of our client. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using these missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address within **14 days** from the day of this paper publication after which no claim shall be entertained by our clients.

Place: Bangalore Date: 05/04/2023
Sd/- **Anupam Agarwal**
RAMNIWAS SURAJMAL
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 1206-1207, 'A' Wing, Mittal Tower,
M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001.
Phone No.: 9740645762
Email: anupam@rslegal.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client is intending to purchase Residential sites bearing No. 155, 156, 157 and 158 within the jurisdiction of BBMP ward No. 68 after clubbing of the Khatha of all the sites assigned with New No. 30 situated at Aswini Layout, 2nd Main Road, Egipura Bangalore in all measuring 8,851 Sq. feet. Bounded on
East by : Private Property.
West by : Road.
North by : Site bearing No. 159.
South by : Road.

From 1. Mr. Sunil Kumar Bajaj, aged about 55 years, S/o. Mr. Kumar Bajaj, 2.Mrs. Laveena Bajaj, aged about 48 years, W/o. Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bajaj and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Bajaj, aged about 53 years S/o. Mr. Kumar Bajaj, all r/a No. 14, Bangiappa Gardens, Shanthinagar, Bangalore–560 027.

Any person having any right, title, interest and claim whatsoever in the Schedule property or any liability, may lodge their claims/ objections with documentary proof with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice, otherwise my client shall proceed to complete the Sale transaction as if there are no subsisting claims or objections and that all such claims or objections not filed in time shall be deemed / presumed to have been waived and shall not be binding on my client.

Sd/- **B. B. Umadevi,** Advocate,
No. 715, 1st 'C' Main, 8th Block,
8th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore – 560 070.
Mob. 9343281627 Dated: 04.04.2023

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
Mobile No. 96461-10914

E-Tender Enq.No. 7397/P-1/EMP-12263 **dated : 29.03.23**

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2023_POWER_100104_1** for procurement of MN group items for the year 2023-2024.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **31.03.2023 from 05.00 PM** onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

183/RTP-38/23-4/4/2023
76155/12/1525/2022/22756

UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT
(Purchase Division)
No. 278112/Purchase-Asst-A2/2022/Admn Dated: 04.04.2023

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders (Open Tenders) are invited from paper manufacturing mills /paper suppliers for supply of 240 MT Maplitho Reel Paper (60 GSM) to Pareeksha Bhavan and Publications Division of the University.

(E-tender ID: 2023_UoC_570737_1).

For details log on to **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**

Sd/- DEPUTY REGISTRAR (Purchase)
For Registrar

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001)
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
Phone No. 01881-275289 E-mail: Se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

E-Tender Enq.No. 7394/P-3/EMP-12269 **dated : 28.03.23**

Dy. Chief Engineer / Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites **E-Tender ID No. 2023_POWER_100100_1** for Procurement of Clinker Grinder Roller sets for bottom ash handling system of stage II & III units at GGSSTP Ropar For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **31.03.23 / 03.00 PM** onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

182/RTP-37/23-4/4/2023
76155/12/1524/2022/22755

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)	Bid Submission Last Date
Selection of Contractor for Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram				
1	Road ID 42 (KK Road)	2023_SCTLT_550795_2	Rs. 2,59,55,590	11/04/2023
2	Road ID 43 (Marakkada Road)	2023_SCTLT_550815_2	Rs. 2,29,11,634	11/04/2023
3	Road ID 182 (Kuriyathi Road)	2023_SCTLT_552524_3	Rs. 1,33,51,123	11/04/2023
4	Road ID 178 (Vivekananda Nagar Lane)	2023_SCTLT_551354_2	Rs. 1,47,13,233	11/04/2023
5	Road ID 42 (KK Road) - Electrical Works	2023_SCTLT_556303_1	Rs. 1,73,20,346	11/04/2023

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

UJVN LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
H.O. "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135- 2763508, 2763808 Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website:www.ujvnl.com

RO No 308 Dt. 03.04.2023

Time Extension Notice-VII

Name of Work: Design, Engineering, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing & commissioning of Stator Core, Winding & Re-insulation of Rotor Poles with Class F insulation of Unit # 1 of Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh.

In reference to e-Tender No. 09/E.E.(Gen)/Klg/2022-23 invited by this office it is to inform that time extension notice has been uploaded on e-procurement portal. Please quote your bids accordingly. For further details kindly log on to **http://uktenders.gov.in.** All other terms & conditions of tender shall remain unchanged.

1. **Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal** 21-04-2023 up to 16:00 Hrs.
2. **Last date of submission of hard copy of original documents** 24-04-2023 up to 16:00 Hrs
3. **Date of opening of bid on the website** 27-04-2023 at 11.00 Hrs

Executive Engineer(Generation)

"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

TPCODL
TP CENTRAL ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
(A Tata Power and Odisha Govt. Joint Venture)
2nd Floor, IDCO Tower, Janpath Bhubaneshwar, Odisha 751022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
NIT No: TPCODL/P&S/NIT/23-24/001

TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited invites open tender from eligible Bidders for the following:

Sl No	Tender Description	Tender Enquiry No.	Tender Fee inclusive of GST (Rs.)*	EMD (Rs. Lakhs)**	Last date & time of payment of Tender Fee
1	Strengthening of 11kV, 33kV and LT Electrical Networks Across TPCODL Jurisdiction Under "STATE DISASTER MITIGATION FUND" (SDMF I & II) Scheme on Turnkey Basis.	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000363 /23-24	5,000	20	17.04.2023
2	Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning &Augmentation of Different Electrical NetworkUnder "CHIEF MINISTER POWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CMPDP)" Scheme on Turnkey Basis .	TPCODL/P&S/ 1000000364 /23-24	5,000	25	17.04.2023

* MSMEs registered in the State of Odisha shall pay tender fee of Rs. 1,000/- including GST.
For further details of Tenders, please visit "Tender" section on TPCODL website https://tpcentralodisha.com.
Future communication/corrigendum to tender documents, if any, shall be available on website

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
Registered Office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051.
Branch Office: No.22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore-560001

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For immovable property)
(As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** a banking company within the meaning of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having it's Registered Office at 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 and branch office at **Kotak Mahendra Bank Ltd.,** No.22, Kotak House, M G Road, Bangalore-560001, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Details of the Parties along with Mortgaged Property Possession taken by the Bank, is given below:-

Name of Customer (Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s)) along Loan Account Nos	Date of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) read with rule 9 of SARFAESI Act. Along with Amount in Rs.	Description of Immovable Property taken in to Possession (As per Appendix IV read with Rule 8 (1) of theSecurity Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)	Date of Possession
Loan Account No. HF37513962 (CRN 196015058), BBA_WC 112011034130 & BBA_WC 8047CL0100000014 (CRN 34198332) **1) M/s. Sri Sai Vinayaka Pharma,** Represented by its Sole Proprietor, **Mr. M Srinatha Guptha @ Sreenath Gupta Nama,** FF 1, 2 & 3, Property No.41, 42, 43, 44, 1st Floor, CRN Market, Gundopanth Street, Bangalore-560053 **(Borrower). 2) Mr. N Srinath Guptha @ Sreenath Gupta Nama,** No.28, 1st Floor, 3rd Cross, Bikaspura Main Road, ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560061, No.58/1, New Albert Victor Road, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018. **3) Mrs. Suneetha Nama,** No.58/1, New Albert Victor Road, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.	**Demand Notice Date: 09-01-2023 Rs.1,47,77,901.10 Ps** (Rupees: One Crore Forty Seven Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Nine Hundred One and Paisa Ten Only) **as on 06-01-2023**	**Mortgage over following property:** All that piece and parcel of the property being No.58/1, BBMP PID 46-3-58/1, New No.140-W0066-8, Albert Victor Road, 1st Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 54 feet totally measuring 1620 Sq.ft, Standing in the Name of **Srinath Gupta** together with all existing buildings and structures thereon and **Bounded as follows: East by:** Karpur Govinda Rao's property, **West by:** Karpur Govinda Rao's property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property No.58.	**03-04-2023**

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken physical possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules on the date as mentioned above in **"Date of Possession"** Colum.
The Borrowers mentioned herein above in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED,** for an amount as mention in this notice, along with future interest at contractual rate and substitute interest, incidental expenses, costs and charges etc. due w.e.f. the very next date of the status of outstanding amount date showing in the above mention details, till the date of full repayment and/ or realization. Further the borrower's attention invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.
Please note description of properties is as mentioned above.

Date: 05.04.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited**

4% fall in Indian Energy Exchange's total trade volume to 9,212 million units in March compared to the same month a year ago

Govt scraps windfall tax on crude oil

Levy on diesel export cut to ₹0.5 a litre as softening trend seen in oil prices in 2nd half of March

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

RATE CHANGES

Windfall profit tax on domestically produced crude oil reduced to zero from ₹3,500 per tonne

Levy on export of diesel halved to ₹0.50 per litre from Re 1

New tax rates come into effect from APRIL 4

Cut in levy was in line with softening trend seen in international oil prices in second half of March

However, oil prices have shot up this month after a surprise cut in production by OPEC, Russia

THE government on Tuesday removed windfall tax, or Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED), on export of domestically produced crude oil and and halved the levy on the export of diesel to ₹0.50 per litre.

According to a government notification, taxes on export of petroleum crude was slashed to nil from ₹3,500 per tonne and taxes on diesel was reduced from ₹1 a litre to 50 paise.

The government had earlier removed taxes on export of petrol and aviation turbine fuel (ATF). Cut in levy was in line with softening trend seen in international oil prices in the second half of March.

Meanwhile, oil exporting countries including Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Russia decided on Sunday to cut production by nearly 1.6 million barrels a day to stabilise the crude price in the international market.

Subsequently, the Brent crude oil gained significantly by 6% ($85 a barrel) on Monday and on Tuesday it was trading at $85.74 a barrel at 7.12 PM IST. Following the collapse of banks in the US and Europe, Brent Crude Future, the benchmark of crude index in the international market, fell to 15-month low of about $70 a barrel. Market experts believe this move is likely to have an adverse impact on the country's economy as it would inflate the country's crude basket price and oil companies will incur losses on the sale of fuel.

Therefore, removing the windfall taxes on the export of petroleum products came as a big relief for the oil producing companies like Oil India Limited, ONGC, Reliance and Nayara Energy. Reliance Industries and Rosneft-backed Nayara Energy are primary exporters of fuel in the country.

"Crude oil prices have jumped since the OPEC+ announcement of additional production cuts of 1.16 million barrels per day. Hence, the SAED can be expected to increase in the next revision if the crude prices remain elevated," said Sabyasachi Majumdar, senior vice-President and Group Head - Corporate Ratings, ICRA Limited.

According to commerce ministry, India exported petroleum products worth $81,295 million this fiscal till January 2023. The government is estimated to have collected ₹25,000 crore from windfall tax in the current fiscal.

India first imposed SAED on July 1, joining a growing number of nations that tax super normal profits of energy companies. At that time, it levied ₹6 per litre on export of petrol and ATF, and ₹13 a litre on export of diesel.

The government reviews the taxes fortnightly on the basis of international oil price.

ASIANOMICS

SRI LANKA

CENTRAL BANK HOLDS RATES AMID HIGH INFLATION

In its first policy decision since securing a $3 billion bailout from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Sri Lanka's central bank kept its interest rates unchanged on Tuesday in the face of stubbornly high inflation. The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) held its standing deposit facility rate and standing lending facility rate at 15.50% and 16.50%, respectively. CBSL last raised rates by 100 basis points in early March as part of efforts to finalise a four-year IMF programme meant to help it emerge from the worst financial crisis the country has faced in more than seven decades. The CBSL's rate decision was largely in line with expectations as it continues to focus on inflation, which clocked in at a stubborn 50.3% in March.

PAKISTAN

CENTRAL BANK RAISES KEY RATE BY 100BPS TO RECORD 21%

As consumer prices soar, cash-strapped Pakistan's central bank on Tuesday raised its key interest rate by 100 basis points to its highest-ever level. The key rate now stands at a record 21% as the country struggles with consumer price inflation, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said in a monthly statement. Consumer inflation in the country reached its highest annual level ever to 35% in March. Pakistan's domestic currency closed at 287.29 against the dollar, lowest ever level, after depreciating over 1% during the day.

SOUTH KOREA

MARCH INFLATION SLOWS TO 4.2%

South Korea's consumer inflation eased to a one-year low in March, led by weaker oil prices, but a range of issues including worries about global growth, monetary policy and decisions by major oil producers have clouded the outlook. The consumer price index was 4.2per cent higher in March than a year earlier, compared with gains of 4.8per cent in February and a 4.3per cent forecast in a Reuters survey. It was the slowest annual rise since March 2022. The Bank of Korea (BOK) said inflation is expected to ease further, but remain higher than the central bank's 2% target throughout the year, while core inflation would cool at a slower pace. The central bank said there was heightened uncertainty over global energy prices, world and domestic economic trends, and public cost increases.

FUNDRAISING

Byju's to raise $700 million at valuation of $22 billion

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

EDTECH major Byju's is reportedly in talks to raise $700 million in a new funding round at a valuation of $22 billion. The funding round is said to be in the final stages and that it might be closed in two weeks.

However, Byju's declined to comment on fund raising. This development comes a day after the company announced its new chief financial officer. Vedanta Group's Ajay Goel has been appointed as the company's chief financial officer (CFO).

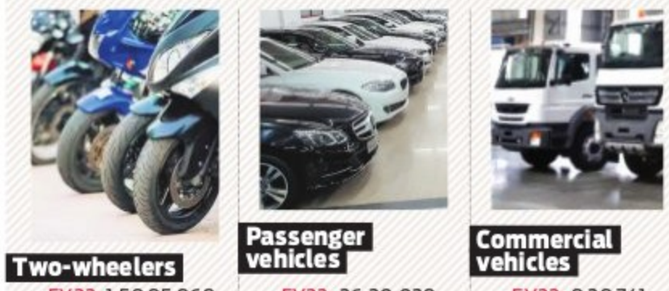
The edtech company said the appointment will help strengthen the company's financial operations, long-term business strategies and path to profitability. As CFO, Goel will be responsible for overseeing financial strategy and management for the company.

The company in October announced that it is taking a slew of optimisation measures to ensure sustainable growth alongside strong revenue growth. Byju's is yet to file its financial results for the year ending March 31, 2022.

In October last year, the edtech major took an unsecured loan of ₹300 crore from its subsidiary tuition chain Aakash Educational Services that it acquired for $950 million in 2021. According to regulatory filings, the unsecured loan was granted to the edtech giant at 7.50% interest rate.

Byju's reported a consolidated loss of ₹4,589 crore in FY21, up from over ₹260 crore in the previous fiscal. Byju's is backed by investors including Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative, Naspers, CPPIB, General Atlantic, Tencent, Sequoia Capital, Sofina, Verlinvest, IFC, Aarin Capital, Lightspeed ventures and Tiger Global, among others. Recently, it rolled out a 4-tier tech-driven internal sales process replacing its existing direct sales process. It said the 4-tier process begins with educating an incoming lead about Byju's product portfolio and new refund policy.

Auto retail sales in FY23 Vs FY22



	Two-wheelers	Passenger vehicles	Commercial vehicles
FY23:	1,59,95,968	36,20,039	9,39,741
FY22:	1,34,94,214	29,42,273	7,07,186
GROWTH:	19%	23.04%	33%

TOTAL (INCLUDING 3W AND TRACTORS) (Source: Fada)

FY23: 2,21,50,222 | FY22: 1,83,27,326 | 21% GROWTH

Auto sales to decline in FY24 after seeing 21% growth in FY23

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AUTO dealers body FADA on Tuesday said automobile sales in financial year 2023-2024 (FY24) is expected to see tapered growth in the low single digits due to a high base, inflationary pressures, routine price hikes, and regulatory changes.

Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations of India (FADA) also said the untimely rains and hailstorms in North and Central India have destroyed key rabi crops and delayed harvesting, which will have a negative impact on rural sales. "Overall, FY24 will be a year of consolidation for the India Auto Retail Industry with an overall single digit growth over previous year," said FADA.

For the third consecutive month, US Government agencies have warned of the possibility of El Niño's arrival later this year, which could lead to poor monsoons, hampering rural India's growth potential.

According to data issued by FADA, overall retail sales during the year experienced double-digit growth of 21% at 2.21 crore units. All categories except for tractors saw double-digit growth, with 2-wheelers, 3-wheelers, passenger vehicles (PV), and commercial vehicles growing by 19%, 84%, 23%, and 33%, respectively.

Manish Raj Singhania, President of FADA, said, "Retail sales of PVs reached a record high of 36 lakh vehicles, growing 23% YoY. The previous high was in FY'19 when retail sales were 32 lakh vehicles. The segment experienced numerous new launches and better product availability due to the easing of the semiconductor shortage during the year."

Singahnia added that electric vehicle penetration in the two-wheeler segment in FY23 was at 4.5%. This year will also witness high EV penetration which will eat into combustion engine market share. Electrification in the three-wheeler category reached 52%, primarily driven by the e-rickshaw segment.

Meanwhile, auto retail sales across segments in the month of March rose 13% year-on-year to 20,41,847 units

HDFC sees 11.6% loan growth in Q4

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MORTGAGE lender HDFC on Tuesday said it has registered a 11.6% rise in loans to ₹9,340 crore in the March quarter compared to ₹8,367 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Individual loans sold in the preceding 12 months were ₹36,910 crore as against ₹28,455 crore in the corresponding quarter, said the company in a regulatory filing to the BSE. Gross income from dividend for the quarter ended on March 31, 2023, was ₹207 crore as compared to ₹128 crore, it said.

During the quarter ended on March 31, 2023, it said, there was no sale of investments in subsidiary/associate companies. In the country's largest privately placed corporate bond issue, the housing financier, had raised ₹25,000 crore via a 10-year non-convertible debenture issue in February. The issue was oversubscribed and received 92 bids of ₹27,863 crore of which the company retained 55 investor bids totalling ₹25,000 crore. HDFC, on March 27, received board approval for raising ₹57,000 crore through non-convertible debentures (NCDs) in multiple tranches. The funds will be used for business requirements mainly for meeting lending demand.

Rising prices of yellow metal boost inflows in gold ETF

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

RISING gold prices have boosted inflows into the gold Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF).

With gold prices now trading above ₹60,000 mark, gold ETFs have witnessed ₹308 crore inflows in February this year, registering a rise of 26% compared to ₹245 crore in the same month last year. Of the total inflows, the net inflows during the month were ₹165 crore, as per the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) data. The number of folios grew by NEARLY 20,000 to 46.94 lakh in February.

Similar trend was witnessed in January as inflows grew by 57% to ₹260 crore compared to ₹166 crore in January 2022. Surge in the prices of yellow metal has attracted investors to ETFs of mutual funds. Gold prices crossed ₹60,000 per 10 gram for the first time ever on March 20 driven by a series of negative news coming out from US and Europe.

Gold prices have risen around 8% so far this year as global economy is hit by a number of bad news ranging from banking crises in US and Europe and concerns that the US economy may slip into recession.

"Sustained rise in gold prices impact investors differently. There is a category of investors who wants to buy gold ETFs when prices are moving up, just like we see with equity investors. While there is also another category of investors who sell gold ETFs to book profits. In February, we saw net inflows in gold ETFs showing that investors rushed to invest in gold lured by rising prices," a fund manager of mutual fund company told this newspaper.

Experts expect prices to rally on expectations that US treasury yields will continue to remain under pressure as the Fed is expected to end its tightening due to easing inflationary pressures and an effort to shun a wider banking crisis. "Going ahead gold still looks lucrative in terms of ROI (return on investment) from a safety perspective where the inflation still remains high globally and interest cycle which is yet to ease, will also provide the push needed for gold to run and give 10-15% return in coming FY24. The prices can easily touch 66,000-68,000 on base case performance before we reach the FY24 end next year," said Jateen Trivedi, vice-President, research analyst, LKP Securities. "On the back of weak and uncertain performance in risky assets it is strongly advised to remain invested in Gold for further 10-15% returns on base case and 15-20% on bull case scenario," he added.

₹308 cr Funds mobilised by gold ETF schemes in Feb 2023

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26% Year-on- year rise in funds mobilised by gold ETF schemes

GOLDEN TREND

₹260 cr Funds mobilised by gold ETF schemes in Jan 2023

₹166 cr Funds mobilised by gold ETF schemes in Jan 2022

8% Increase in gold prices since January 1 of calendar year 2023

PhonePe launches hyperlocal commerce app 'Pincode'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

PAYMENTS app PhonePe on Tuesday launched its hyperlocal commerce app 'Pincode', which is built on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform.

At the launch of the new app, its co-founder and CEO Sameer Nigam said, "Pincode is now live in Bengaluru and will expand city by city. We aim to have 1 lakh orders a day by December." He added that for the consumer a category or a tab will not solve the problem and that they need a shopping app.

The new app will have six categories including fashion, pharma and food. This launch comes three months after its full separation from Flipkart.

The Pincode, a buyer app, will promote local shopkeepers and sellers and hopes to digitally connect each city's consumers with all their neighbourhood stores that they usually buy from offline.

He also said at the launch event, co-founder and non-executive chairman of Infosys Nandan Nilekani said, "ONDC is the next big thing. Quick commerce will be reimagined with ONDC." He added that in the last three years, we have seen 50 million QR codes being deployed, and this is an example of how interoperability can turbocharge payment in India.

PhonePe believes ONDC can foster the rapid growth of a new hyperlocal ecommerce business model. Apart from local buyers and sellers, such a model will also benefit other ecosystem participants like the last mile logistics and inventory management players, it said.

From Meesho to Paytm, SpiceMoney, many companies are on the government-backed ONDC platform. ONDC aimsto democratize digital commerce, moving it away from platform-centric models like Amazon and Flipkart to an open network.

Stopped 8L attempts by 'bad actors' to create accounts: Amazon

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

BRAND PROTECTION

Amazon disposed of over 6 million counterfeit products in 2022

listings scanned daily 8 billion

It stopped over ₹8 lakh bad actor attempts to create new selling accounts

Over 35% reduction in total valid notices of infringement

99% listings proactively blocked or removed

Amazon has stopped over eight lakh bad actors' attempts to create new selling accounts in 2022. This is down from 60 lakh attempts in 2020 and 25 lakh in 2021.

Called bad or threat actors, they can be a group or organisations that harm and hack data. In an interaction with TNIE, Anna Dalla Val, Amazon's Director for Global Brand Relations, said the company will continue to invest, including in its people to fight problems such as counterfeit and stop bad actor attempts. She said Amazon is investing in advanced machine learning and artificial intelligence techniques to improve its counterfeit detection systems.

Recently, many experts raised concerns and explained how latest technologies like AI tools can be used by bad actors as they are looking at loopholes and finding ways to exploit them. Amazon has invested over $1.2 billion and employed over 15,000 people to protect customers, brands and selling partners from counterfeit and fraud. It removed 60 lakh counterfeit items last year. Amazon, which released its third annual Brand Protection Report, said it continues to innovate and drive counterfeits to zero.

She also stressed on the company's innovations in seller vetting that is deterring bad actors from attempting to create new selling accounts. Anna Dalla Val said, in India, the company launched a multi-phase campaign on consumer education and awareness.

Recently, Amazon India and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) signed an MoU to collaborate to educate online consumers about their rights and create awareness about safe shopping practices, thereby protecting online shoppers from bad actors. The report said in addition to disrupting counterfeiters through civil suits, Amazon's CCU (Counterfeit Crimes Unit) works with law enforcement or joint enforcement and seizures across the globe.

EXPRESS READ

Mukesh Ambani Asia's richest person: Forbes

NEW DELHI: Mukesh Ambani has regained his spot as Asia's richest person after rival Gautam Adani's position tumbled to No. 24, Forbes said in its Billionaire 2023 list released on Tuesday. With a net worth of USD 83.4 billion, Ambani, 65, was ranked at No. 9 on the world billionaire list. Adani's net worth is now $47.2 billion and is the second richest Indian behind Ambani. *ENS*

Arzoo launches NU consumer durable brand

NEW DELHI: Bengaluru-based b2b ecommerce marketplace Arzooo has ventured into consumer durables segment and launched a new brand called NU. It launched its first premium product line comprising Smart HDR LED TVs, air conditioners and washing machines. Khushnud Khan, CEO and co-founder of Arzooo and NU, said it is targeting 20% market share in next three years. *ENS*

RIL, Jio raise $2 bn forex loan, days after raising $3 bn

NEW DELHI: Barely days after signing a $3 billion financing in India's most widely syndicated loan, Reliance Industries and its unit Reliance Jio have raised $2 billion add-on foreign currency facility, sources said. The $3 billion financing closed on March 31 and the add-on $2 billion thereafter. The fundraising is the largest via syndicated term loans by an Indian corporate house in at least 5 years, the sources said. *PTI*

Shanaka named Williamson's replacement at Gujarat Titans

Gujarat Titans on Tuesday named Sri Lanka's white ball captain Dasun Shanaka as a replacement for injured Kane Williamson for the remainder of the IPL. Shanaka, an explosive middle-order who also bowls right-arm seam, was signed for his base price of Rs 50 lakh. He had gone unsold in the auction.

PACERS TAKE CENTRE STAGE IN DELHI

Shami, Joseph and Nortje among wickets; holders Titans remain calm to close out tricky chase thanks to Sudharsan's unbeaten 62

Gujarat Titans pacer Mohammed Shami (2nd from left) celebrates a wicket with teammates in their match against Delhi Capitals on Tuesday | PTI

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

THERE is something thrilling about watching a pacer bowling heat. It's irresistible theatre, one of the highest forms of art on a cricket field. That art has already been on display a few times already in the nascent 16th edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL). Mark Wood, bowling pure gas in Lucknow's opener against Delhi Capitals, picked up a five-for. When Morne Morkel, one of the franchise's support staff, was asked about the kind of inputs he has given to the English pacer, he replied: "there's a lot to like about Mark Wood, he's bowling at 150, that aggressive length... he's been picked for a reason. He's bowling pace. Make use of that as best as possible and target certain batters to really go and express himself."

It seems like that sort of license has been given to pacers up and down the IPL paddock. Alzarri Joseph can crank it up even on unresponsive pitches. On a pitch with pace and bounce, he's capable of releasing low-flying projectiles. The Delhi batters found that the hard way after the champions inserted them in. He had the batters on a string, making them dance to his fiery tunes. He twice hit the helmet while constantly bowling at over 145kmph and sometimes threatening to breach the 150 kmph mark.

The fast-bowling exhibition began in earnest off the very second ball itself. Mohammed Shami, who doesn't challenge the speed gun in the way a Joseph does, beats David Warner for pace and gets his stumps. But the bails remain intact. Never mind. Later in the spell, an awkward Prithvi Shaw attempt at playing a pull brings the first wicket. He then produces his party piece as Mitchell Marsh plays on. Both are 140+.

Not to be outdone, Joseph removes both Warner and Rilee Rossouw off successive balls. The speed gun shows 145+ for both, with the latter's wicket sure to find its way into highlight's packages for many years. The pace, disconcerting bounce and the unsure fending to gully is scenes one would associate from a Test in Australia. Gujarat once again show why their pace attack is really an all-terrain attack as Josh Little and Yash Dayal complete the quadruplet. Rashid Khan picks up three but they are junk wickets; it's Shami and Joseph's evening all the way.

Rishabh Pant (L) visited the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday | SPORTZPICS

Then, Anrich Nortje embraced the stage. The beauty of his brand of bowling is you can feel it via your TV screen. It's unbridled, raw and in your face. There is no movement in the air, no seam off the surface but you don't need those if you can hurry batters with 150 kmph grenades. Both Wriddhiman Saha and Shubman Gill — yes, Gill — lose their stumps to two Nortje deliveries that ought to be hanged as a GIF in the Louvre. Both of them are deliveries that's slanted into the batters but are just beaten by pace. It's just that kind of a night. **Brief scores**: Delhi Capitals 162/8 in 20 ovs (Warner 37, Patel 36; Rashid 3/31, Shami 3/41) **lost to** Gujarat Titans 163/4 in 18.1 ovs (Sudharsan 62 n.o; Nortje 2/39).

It's very tough to make a comeback after lengthy injury layoff: Chahar

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

CHENNAI Super Kings might have won their first home match in nearly four years against Lucknow Super Giants at Chepauk on Monday but their pacers looked out of sorts during the outing. Their four fast bowlers conceded 142 out of 205 runs scored by the Lucknow franchise. Those runs included 13 wides and three no balls.

Even skipper MS Dhoni admitted the fact and said, ''It's the fast bowling that will need to slightly improve and bowl according to the conditions. Even if it's on the flatter side, force batters to hit over to the fielders. They'll have to bowl no no-balls and lesser wides. We are bowling too many extra deliveries and need to cut them out otherwise they'll be playing under a new captain.''

Deepak Chahar, leader of CSK'S pace attack, had a tough day as he gave away 55 runs from his quota of four overs without any success. It may be recalled Deepak was out of action for over eight months last year due to a stress fracture and a grade 3 tear in his quad. CSK had bought him for ₹14 crore in 2022 but injuries forced him out of the last year's edition.

"It's been good (bowling after recovering from injury), but the last match (Lucknow) was not up to the mark. It was a batting track, fast bowlers went for runs, and spinners did well in both innings. I was able to execute my plans, it was pretty good planning, can be wrong, but as a bowler what you do is plan and try to execute. Well runs and wickets are not in your control," said Chahar.

Offie Moeen Ali claimed 4/26 from his four overs helping CSK secure a 12-run win. The surface at the MA Chidambaram Stadium aids spinners in general but Chahar said the wicket on Monday was good for batting. "It was a good batting track on Monday, spinners bowled well obviously, when one side is a bigger boundary it's difficult for a batter to hit with the new ball. It's easy as the ball comes on to the bat nicely. We played the entire season in 2019 and after that we haven't played on such wickets and even the practice wickets we played on were not like this, the wickets were helpful with a little more moisture.''

The 30-year-old bowler also informed that he is practising a lot to bowl in death overs. "I've done well for CSK whenever I have bowled in the 18th, 19th and 20th overs. Before this, my economy was under 8 when I bowled at death. In powerplays, you bowl with a new ball and have only two fielders outside, whereas in the slog overs, you bowl with the old ball and have five fielders outside. For me it's good I take it as a challenge and I also practice a lot. Earlier I didn't bowl much because we had more options to bowl at the death. I've many variations yorker, knuckle ball, slow bouncer, leg-cutter, wide-yorker, off-cutter, you decide according to the batter and the pitch."

Talking on inputs from the Chennai skipper while bowling, Chahar said, "With Dhoni, it's different. First, he will see if the bowler is willing to take responsibility, If he feels the bowler is willing to take responsibility he will let you decide the field. If he finds that the bowler is confused, he will set the field. In 2018 when I first came he used to tell me which end I should bowl from, but now since I'm a better judge of my bowling, he (MSD) will step in only when he feels the bowler is slightly confused."

He admitted it was difficult to make a comeback especially, after a long layoff of eight months. "Mentally it's very tough. It takes a long time to recover from. When you start playing it takes time to get back to your best so it takes time mentally and physically,'' he said.

ROYAL CLASH

BOTH RAJASTHAN ROYALS AND PUNJAB KINGS STARTED THEIR CAMPAIGNS WITH CONFIDENT WINS. NOW, SOME INTRIGUING SUB-PLOTS PRESENT THEMSELVES AS THEY GO HEAD-TO-HEAD

7.30 PM, GUWAHATI | STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA

ARSHDEEP vs ROYALS OPENERS

The left-armer can find genuine swing and that will be key to trying to stop the rampaging Jos Buttler who teed off the other night against Hyderabad. Yashasvi Jaiswal too showed his smarts.

KINGS MIDDLE-ORDER vs CHAHAL/ASHWIN

The finger-spinner and the wrist-spinner complement each other in this side and they showed that returning a combined 5/44 in eight overs against Hyderabad. Can the likes of Jitesh Sharma, Sam Curran, Shahrukh Khan and Liam Livingstone, if he's fit, find some joy?

BOULT vs KINGS POWERPLAY

With the new ball in this league, Trent Boult is a double-edged sword. He's one of the bowlers who always concedes boundaries but is also somebody who gets you new ball wickets with his swing. Fresh from a two-wicket burst, he will fancy himself in his opening spell against Kings.

Sanjita slapped with 4-year ban by NADA

AGENCIES @New Delhi

TWO-TIME Commonwealth Games champion Indian weightlifter Sanjita Chanu has been handed a four-year ban by the National Anti Doping Agency's (NADA) Disciplinary Panel for failing a dope test last year.

The 29-year-old had tested positive for an anabolic steroid — Drostanolone Metabolite — that features in the World Anti-doping Agency's (WADA) prohibited list. Her dope sample was collected in-competition on September 30, 2022 during the National Games in Gujarat last year.

"…. it is held that the Athlete has violated Article 2.1 & 2.2 of the NADA ADR, 2021, she is hereby sanctioned with an ineligibility of four (04) years as per Article 10.2.1 of the NADA ADR, 2021," the three-member NADA Anti-Doping Disciplinary panel headed by Chaitanya Mahajan said in the order.

Sanjita's ban will commence from November 12, 2022, the date of her provisional suspension.

"The period of ineligibility shall commence from the date of provisional suspension i.e,12.11.2022. It shall be noted that the athlete has failed to satisfy the panel that the ADRV was non-intentional as per Article 10.2.1.1 of the NADA ADR, 2023." This a is a huge setback for Sanjita, who will be stripped of the National Games silver medal as a result of the positive test.

Everton strike late to hold Spurs

AFP @Liverpool

MICHAEL Keane's stunning 90th minute equaliser struck dented Tottenham's challenge for a top-four finish in the Premier League as Cristian Stellini's caretaker spell in charge of Spurs started with a 1-1 draw at Everton.

Harry Kane's penalty looked set to take Tottenham third in the table after Abdoulaye Doucoure had been sent off for striking the Spurs striker in the face. But the numbers were levelled up when Lucas Moura also saw red two minutes from time before Keane's thunderbolt salvaged a vital point in Everton's bid to beat the drop.

A draw is enough to take Sean Dyche's men out of the relegation zone and up to 15th.

Tottenham move level on points with Newcastle and Manchester United in fourth, but have played two games more than their rivals for a place in next season's Champions League. "After the red card they were much more aggressive than us," said Stellini after Spurs failed to win away from home for the sixth consecutive game. "We have to be a team that plays at home and away with the same desire and aggressiveness."

Stellini was taking charge for the first time since the sacking of his former boss Antonio Conte. Conte's fate was sealed by a tirade towards the Tottenham squad after conceding twice late on to draw 3-3 at bottom-of-the-table Southampton.

But there was little sign of a fresh start as the visitors again threw away a promising position against a side fighting relegation.

Everton were lucky to escape as Kane missed two huge chances inside the first 15 minutes. The England captain should have been full of confidence after becoming his country's all-time top goalscorer during the international break. But Kane's scuffed effort gave Keane the chance to clear off the line with his first opportunity before he headed wide when completely unmarked from Ivan Perisic's cross.

Everton's Michael Keane (L) celebrates with Seamus Coleman | AP

XAVI EXPECTING REAL FIGHTBACK

BARCELONA: Barcelona coach Xavi Hernandez warned his team on Tuesday that their Copa del Rey semifinal opponents Real Madrid would be coming to wage a "footballing war" at Camp Nou. The Catalans hold a 1-0 lead from the first leg and have beaten their rivals in each of the last three Clasicos. "It doesn't mean anything that we have won the last three Clasicos, Wednesday is another footballing war," said Xavi. "They will be out for revenge, they will come here hurt, they have lost the last three. They will come here wounded, I am sure."

EXPRESS READ

Babar returns for home series vs NZ

KARACHI: Babar Azam on Tuesday returned to the Pakistan team as captain of the ODI and T20 squads for the home series against New Zealand beginning April 14. Besides Babar, left arm fast bowler Shaheen Shah Afridi also returned to international cricket for the first time since the 2022 T20 World Cup. The selectors had rested Babar, Shaheen, Haris Rauf, Fakhar Zaman and Muhammad Rizwan for the T20 series in Sharjah against Afghanistan which Pakistan lost by 1-2.

Shreyas to miss entire IPL and WTC final

NEW DELHI: India batter Shreyas Iyer will miss the entire IPL as well as the World Test Championship final in June against Australia as he is set to undergo a back surgery abroad, according to BCCI sources. Iyer is expected to be out of action for at least five months. That would mean that his participation in the ODI World Cup in India in Oct-Nov could be touch and go.

Volleyballer suspended for online abuse of Prez

SAO PAULO: Olympic volleyball gold medallist Wallace de Souza was suspended for one year by Brazil's Olympic Committee on Monday for online abuse of President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. He's been suspended from club activities since January 31 after he conducted a social media poll asking whether Lula deserved to be shot in the face. De Souza is a staunch supporter of former President Jair Bolsonaro, a far-right leader and pro-gun activist.

TENNIS ROUND-UP

Nadal & Alcaraz to miss French Open warm-up meet in Monte Carlo

AFP @Madrid

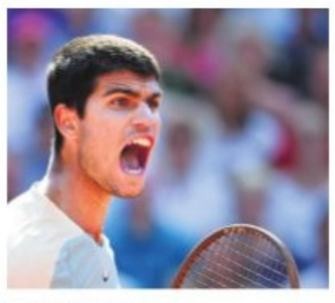
RAFAEL Nadal's preparation for a tilt at a record-extending 15th French Open title suffered a blow when he announced Tuesday his withdrawal from the upcoming Monte Carlo Masters. "Hi everyone, I'm still not ready to compete at the highest level," the 36-year-old Spaniard tweeted. "I will not be able to play in one of the most important tournaments of my career, Monte Carlo."

The Monte Carlo tournament, which Nadal has won 11 times, begins on Saturday, while the French Open starts May 28. Nadal said he was hoping to return soon from the hip flexor injury he sustained in the Australian Open in January, suffering a second round exit against Mackenzie McDonald.

The 22-time Grand Slam champion pulled out of hard-court tournaments at Indian Wells and Miami, with his sights set on a return at the start of the clay court season.

Record Monte Carlo Masters champion Nadal won the tournament eight consecutive times between 2005 and 2012.

Rafael Nadal | AP



Carlos Alcaraz | AP

Meanwhile, Carlos Alcaraz also said on Tuesday that he won't be taking part in the event because of hand and back injury problems. The World No 2 seemed set to battle Novak Djokovic for the top rank in the tournament.

Soderling steps down as captain

STOCKHOLM: Robin Soderling will step down as captain of Sweden's Davis Cup tennis team for health reasons, the Swedish Tennis Association said on Monday.

The 38-year-old had taken time out from the role last year but has now opted to step away altogether.

"With his knowledge, experience and great commitment, he has done a fantastic job as captain and I hope that in the future we will see Robin in a new role in Swedish tennis," secretary general Christer Sjoo said on the tennis.se website.

Former captain Johan Hedsberg will step into the role on an interim basis.

Soderling took over as Sweden captain in December 2019 leading them to the Davis Cup final twice.

As a player he reached the final of the French Open in 2009 and 2010, before rising to a career-high fourth in the world rankings.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my clients intend to purchase the Immovable Property, viz., All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Municipal No. 02 (West) with Khata No. 525-120/1/02 (earlier forming Western Part of the Bigger Site No.2 measuring 33 Feet X 63 Feet and still earlier forming part of the Bigger Site Nos. 1 and 2 with the then Herohalli Village Assessment No. 120/1 with total measurements being 67 Feet X 102 Feet and presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike BBMP for short), situated at Appannappa Layout, BBMP Municipal Ward No. 72, Herohalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder from **Shri. V. Kumar, S/o. Shri. Venkateshappa,** who claims to be the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property and having acquired it from Shri. B.S. Naveen Kumar, S/o. Shri. B.N. Srinivasa. Property.

Any person/s, authority or institution having any right, title or interest or any objection for sale of the said property are required to notify the undersigned ***within 7 (Seven) days*** from the date of this Notice. Otherwise, it shall be deemed that there is no objection whatsoever and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Municipal No. 02 (West) with Khata No. 525-120/1/02 (earlier forming Western Part of the Bigger Site No.2 measuring 33 Feet X 63 Feet and still earlier forming part of the Bigger Site Nos. 1 and 2 with the then Herohalli Village Assessment No. 120/1 with total measurements being 67 Feet X 102 Feet and presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike BBMP for short), situated at Appannappa Layout, BBMP Municipal Ward No. 72, Herohalli Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, admeasuring and bounded as follows:-

Measurements:- East to West : 33 feet; and North to South: 20 feet. (In all measuring 660 Square Feet).

Boundaries:-

On the East : By Remaining Property of Shri. Naveen Kumar;
On the West : By Road;
On the North : By Site No. 1 belonging to Shri. D.C.Sathyanarayana; &
On the South : By Site No.3 belonging to Smt. Umadevi.

Sd/-
S.R. Harish Kumar, *Advocate,*
Unit No. F-3, 1st Floor, S.K.L. Complex, No. 197, Old No. 18, R.T. Street (Corner) and Facing B.V.K. Iyengar Road, Bengaluru -560 053.
Mobile No. 98458 78405
Bengaluru Date : 3-4-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that our clients intends to purchase property from **Mr. MOHAMMED AZAM** Aged about 28 years S/o Late Mr. Siraj Ahmed **Mrs. AYESHA BANU** Aged about 58 year W/o Late Siraj Ahmed Both residing at No. 5/1, MM Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore – 560005.

They are the absolute owners in possession of the Duplex Residential Apartment No. 601, on Sixth Floor having a super built-up area of 5,500 Sq.ft (i.e. 2750 Sq.ft + 2750 Sq.ft) with exclusive garden area of 1,015 Sq.ft, along with two covered car parking spaces in the stilt floor of the multistoried Residential Building known as "A.J RESIDENCY: along with 346 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised therein property bearing Municipal New No. 10 (formerly No. 17), unique PID No. 91-44-10, situated at Kumaraswamy Naidu Road, Frazer Town, coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 91, (Pulikeshinagar) Bangalore,

It is further submitted they have acquired the same by virtue of Deed of Exchange registered as Doc.No. HLS- 1 – 07999–2020–21 stored in C.D No. HLSD730 dated 26.03.2021 in the sub – registered office of Halasuru, Bengaluru. From **Mr. Ajmal Shaik and Mrs Salma** which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property.

If any individual, institution or any person has any subsisting claim, right or title in respect of the schedule property, such person may contact the undersigned within **Fifteen days** from the date of publication of this Public Notice with all relevant documents supporting such claim. If no such claims are presented our client will proceed with the execution and registration of sale deed with the aforesaid owner of the schedule property and it shall be deemed that the same is free from all claims and encumbrances.

SCHUDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Duplex Residential Apartment No. 601, on Sixth Floor having a super built-up area of 5,500 Sq.ft (i.e. 2750 Sq.ft + 2750 Sq.ft) with exclusive garden area of 1,015 Sq.ft, along with two covered car parking spaces in the stilt floor of the multistoried Residential Building known as "A.J RESIDENCY: along with 346 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land comprised therein property bearing Municipal New No. 10 (formerly No. 17), unique PID No. 91-44-10, situated at Kumaraswamy Naidu Road, Frazer Town, coming under the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 91, (Pulikeshinagar) Bangalore, more fully detailed in the Schedule A Property, with proportionate share in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift, stair case and other areas of common use with right to pass through all the common passages leading to road and free for egress and ingress at all the times and entitled for all the common areas and amenities:

Other Particulars: The flat comprises of Four bedrooms, servant room, dining-kitchen, four toilets, utility and a living room, with the exclusive terrace, the building was constructed with bricks and cement plaster. It has R.C.C. roofing with vitrified flooring, the doors are of hone wood with steel windows, with fittings and furniture's two car parking facility is provided.

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B-11 **INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) [e-Procurement]**

Bid Identification No. CCE, S.C (R&B)-BAM-21/2022-23 No.1091//Dated: 29.03.2023

1) The Chief Construction Engineer, Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Building Work as detailed in the table below.
2) Nature of work : Building Work
3) No. of work : 01 No.
4) Tender Cost : Rs.10,000/- (online)
5) Class of Contractor : "B" Class & "A" Class
6) Availability of Bid document in the website : From 06.04.2023 10.00 AM to 20.04.2023 5.30 PM
7) Date of Opening of Bid : 21.04.2023 at 11.30 A.M.
8) The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersodisha.gov.in.
9) Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only

Sd/- (D.C.Behera)
Chief Construction Engineer
Southern (R&B) Circle, Berhampur

OIPR- 34103/11/0001/2223

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(Formally known as Capital First Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 7th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.
Authorized Officer Name & No : MS Preeti Toshniwal & 9694702013.

IDFC FIRST Bank

APPENDIX- IV-A [See Proviso To Rule 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of IDFC First Bank Limited Formally known as Capital First limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16th May 2023, for recovery of **Rs. 27,82,499.54/- (Rupees Twenty-seven Lakhs Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Nine and Fifty-Four Paise Only)** as on 28-01-19 due to the IDFC First Bank Limited from **1. L Vijaykumar 2. N. Lakkanna and 3. 7 Blu Framaes**. The Reserve Price will INR **54,74, 050/-** (Fifty-Four Lakhs Seventy-Four Thousand Fifty Only). and the Earnest Money Deposit will be 10% of the Reserved INR 5,47,405/- (Five Lakhs Forty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Five only.

DESCRIPTION OF MORTGAGE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the property consisting of No.16, 1st Cross, 10th C Main, Near Lalbagh Nursing Home, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka, 560011. **Bounded: North**: Conservancy Lane, **South**: Road, **East**: Cross Lane, **West**: Corporation Bank

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in IDFC First Bank Limited website i.e. www.idfcfirstbank.com

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Date: 05/04/2023 **IDFC First Bank Limited**

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 247/2023 (CCH-44)

BETWEEN: SRI VINAYAK T.M, R/AT FLAT NO. B-1102, B TOWER, SIROYA ENVIRON, ANAND NAGAR, CHOLANAGAR, HEBBAL, BANGALORE - 560024 ... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: 1. SRI M M T MUNISWAMAPPA ALIAS NAVEEN, R/AT NO.18, RAJANNA NIVAS, ALEXANDRA STREET, MYRTLE LANE CROSS, RICHMOND TOWN BANGALORE - 560025. **2. MS. NILANJANA T N,** R/AT NO.18, RAJANNA NIVAS, ALEXANDRA STREET, MYRTLE LANE CROSS, RICHMOND TOWN, BANGALORE - 560025 ... **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT NO.1 AND 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20(1) OF CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

WHEREAS, the above named petitioner has filed a suit for partition for separate possession and other relief against the above defendants in the file bearing Original Suit No. 247/2023 before the City Civil Court at Bangalore. Both are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader duly instituted and able to answer on this date **29.05.2023** at 11 am, failing which the matter will be heard and disposed off as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES
Schedule A - IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 243, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 750 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 750 Sq Ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 79-60-243 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.91 and bounded on the **East by:** Conservancy Lane, **West by:** Seppings Road, **North by:** Muddamma's Property, **South by:** Property No.244. **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 244, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 900 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 900 Sq Ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 79-60-244 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.91 and bounded on the **East by:** Conservancy Lane, **West by:** Conservancy Lane, **North by:** Property No.243, **South by:** Property No.245. **Item No.3:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 245, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 479 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 479 Sq Ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 79-60-245 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.91 and bounded on the **East by:** Conservancy Lane, **West by:** Seppings Road, **North by:** Property No.244, **South by:** Property No.246. **Item No.4:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 246, Seppings Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 479 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 479 Sq ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 79-60-246 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.91 and bounded on the **East by:** Conservancy Lane **West by:** Seppings Road, **North by:** Property No.245, **South by:** Seppings cross Road. All the four items of the property are all the shops constructed on the land measuring 2608 Sq Ft. **Item No.5:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No. 54, Gundopanth Street, Old Tharaghpet, Chikpet, Bangalore 560053, being the RCC construction measuring around approximately 10,000 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 3262 Sq Ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 30-5-54 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.139 and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Property belonging to M M T Ravi Mandalapa, **South by:** Gundopanth Street. **Item No.6:** All that piece and parcel of property being Western Portion of property bearing No. 47, Thoppa Mudaliar Street, Shivajinagar, Bangalore 560051, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 3200 Sq Ft super built up area constructed on land measuring 1600 Sq ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 79-25-47 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No. 91 and bounded on the **East by:** Property belonging to M M T Ravi Mandalapa, **West by:** Conservancy Lane, **North by:** Thoppa Mudaliar St and **South by:** Private Property. The entire property Bearing No. 47 is in the name of M M Thimmaiah @ Rajanna as per the municipal records. **Item No.7:** All that piece and parcel of property being Western Portion of property bearing No.77 (The Western Portion is assigned with the Municipal No as 77/B), Katha No. 1243/2, Old Madras Road, Vijinapura, Dooravani Nagar, K.R Puram, Bangalore 560016, being the land measuring 53,829 Sq Ft Presently on lease with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and bounded on the **East by:** Property of M M T Ravi Mandalapa India Tin Industries, **West by:** Property of TTK Nair, **North by:** Old Madras Road (NH-4), **South by:** Vijinapura (Beninghanahalli Village) A portion of the property measuring 10,270 Sq Ft has been acquired for the purpose of road formation and also for BMRCL Project the remaining property available id 43,559 Sq Ft. **Item No.8:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.4 Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore 560042, being the RCC construction measuring around 2,000 Sq Ft on land measuring 3,200 Sq ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 81-5-4 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.90 and bounded on the **East by:** Haudin Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Private Property. This property was part of larger property measuring around 15,000 Sq Ft approximately bearing old No. 17 out of which 12,000 Sq Ft has been sold out the balance land available is 3,200 Sq Ft as of now. **Item No.9:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.18, Alexandra Street, Myrtle Lane Cross, Richmond Town, Bangalore 560025, being the RCC construction measuring approximately 3,000 Sq Ft super built up area comprising around and first floor constructed on land measuring 4,500 Sq Ft being assessed to tax vide PID No 76-36-18 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.111 and bounded on the **East by:** Myrtle Lane, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Methodist Church, **South by:** Private Property. The land measuring 4,500 Sq Ft was originally forming part of measuring approximately around 35,000 Sq Ft then bearing property No. 11 out of which around 30,500 Sq Ft was sold in the year 1987. **Item No.10:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.413, Binnamangala , Indiranagar 1st stage, Hutting Colony, Bangalore 560038, being the Site allotted by BDA and the site measuring 121.91 Sq Meters (1311.75 Sq Ft) being assessed to tax vide PID No 82-1-413 by the BBMP falling under the municipal Ward No.80 and bounded on the **East by:** Site No. 412, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site No.414 The property purchased by M M T Muniswamappa @ Naveen out of HUF Funds in the year 1988.

Schedule B - MOVABLE PROPERTIES
ITEM NO.11 - GOLD AND SILVER ARTICLES

1. Around 6 Kgs of gold jewellery and gold ornaments and **2.** Around 10 Kgs of silver items. **3.** Vehicles. **4.** Mesne Profits out of immovable Properties.

Given under my hand seal of the court on 30-03-2023.

By order of the Hon'ble Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

K.PRATHAPAN, ADVOCATE
M/s KAYPEE ASSOCIATES
Unit No. 1 and 2, 1st Floor, No. 163, Nagesh Building, 1st Main Road, Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: Canara Bank)
KORAMANGALA BRANCH

586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block, Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
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CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **25/04/2023,** for recovery of Rs.23,89,897/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety SevenOnly) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mrs. Rathnamma H R and Mr. K Krishna Reddy** (Borrowers) **and Mr. Ganesh K and Mr. Jagadeesha Reddy** (Guarantor), as on 06.02.2017, together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs.35,20,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.3,52,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.10, Sy.No.82, Khaneshmari No.2610/10 of Sai Nagar, A Block, 2nd Phase, Khatha No.2610, E-Khatha No.150200101500602792, Sy No.82 Nerlur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the East by :Site No.9, West by :Road, North by : Road and South by : Site No.11.

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx

Place: Bangalore
Date: 04.04.2023

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,20,12,695/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakh Twelve Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Five only)** as on **21-12-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **22-12-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Sri Bhaskar Road Lines, No.50, 80 Feet Road, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560039. Also at M/s. Sri Bhaskar Road Lines, No.49, 2nd Cross, Kalasipalayam New Extension, Bangalore - 560002. No.2) Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.3) Mrs. Shivamma, W/o. Devaraju, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039. No.4) Mr. Dhananjayya, S/o. Shivalingayya, No.104, ITI Layout, Chandra Layout 1st Stage, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560039.**

Note:- That our **512 - R.T. Nagar-Bangalore Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080079857) dated **06-07-2021** requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which Nos.2 & 3 of you stood as Co-Obligants for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 25,00,000/-** at a ROI of **14.25%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **17-09-2021** and the outstanding balance as on **21-12-2022** is **Rs.28,98,177/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **22-12-2022** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)

Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Katha No.377/373/33/1/325/1, Old No.373/33/1, S.New No.325/1 Property Register No.377 in Sy.No.33/1 converted for Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide No.B.Dis ALN(NY) SR 41/2009-10 dated **15-09-2009** by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Srigandhada kaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now coming under BBMP, measuring:- East - 83 feet, West - 91.4 feet, North - 205.7 feet and South Side 193.1 feet and bounded as follows:- East by - Road and Mallathahalli Border, West by - Remaining Land in Sy. No.33/1, North by - Land belonging to Suresh, South by - 30 feet Road in Sy. No.33/2.

Schedule - B:- 380.65 Sq.ft., of undivided Share right, title, interest in the Land Schedule - A Property.

Schedule - C:- Two Bedroom Apartment No.TF-311 in 3rd Floor of the Building known as "Adithya Residency" having super built-up Area of 1,275 Sq.ft., and one covered Car Parking Space bearing No.TF-311 with all amenities.

Reserve Price : Rs.57,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Shantha Kumar, S/o. Devaraju)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.62, Assessment No.21/1, BBMP Ward No.40, Situated at Andrahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of BBMP Bangalore, measuring:- East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet in total measuring 1,200 Sq.ft., and bounded on:- East by - Road, West by - Others Property, North by - Site No.63, South by - Site No.61.

Reserve Price : Rs.36,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Six Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
20-04-2023	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T. Nagar Branch,** 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 03-04-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

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TAMIL NADU FIBRENET CORPORATION LIMITED,

TANFINET
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
e-Tender Notice

1	Tender Inviting Authority, Designation and Address	Managing Director, TANFINET Corporation, 807, 5th Floor, P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai-2.
2	a) Name of the work	Tender for selection of a System Integrator for implementing Bharat Net Last Mile Connectivity in Tamil Nadu along with Operation & Maintenance of the developed network for a period of 3 years.
	b) Tender reference	NIT_TANFINET_012_LMC_SI
	c) Place of Execution	Tamil Nadu
3	Tender Document available place, cost for obtaining tender	**www.tntenders.gov.in** in the e-Tender portal. 05.04.2023 11:00 AM.
4	Earnest Money Deposit amount	Rs.1,50,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty lakhs only)
5	Due date, time, and place for submission of tender	05.05.2023, 04:00 PM, as per the tender document
6	Place, Date and Time of tender opening	05.05.2023, 05:00 PM, as per the tender document

DIPR/2002/Tendre/2023 **Managing Director, Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited.**

'சாதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்'

IKF HOME FINANCE LIMITED

IKF Home Finance
Plot No.30/A, Survey No.83/1, My Home Twitza, 11th Floor, Diamond Hills, Lumbini Avenue, Beside 400/220/132KV GIS Substation, APIIC Hyderabad Knowledge City, Raidurg, Hyderabad-081. Ph: 040-23412083. www.ikfhomefinance.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPENDIX-IV-A [See provision to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to **IKF Home Finance Ltd.,** The **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of **IKF Home Finance Ltd.**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis in e-auction for recovery of the balance due to **IKF Home Finance Ltd.** from the Borrowers and Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit, Date and Time of Auction are also given as:

Name of the Borrower's: (1) Sri. Madhu Gowda K.N, S/o Narasimha Murthy K.N, (2) Mrs. Jayashree K.N, S/o Narasimha Murthy K.N. Both Residing at : No: 10, 3rd Main Road, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Landmark: Muneshwara Temple, Laggere, Bangalore – 560058. **(3) Sri. Madhu Gowda K.N, C/o. Shree Nama Business Venture, (4) Mrs. Jayashree K.N,C/o. Shree Nama Business Venture, Both Residing at :**Ground Floor, No.27, Next to Basaveswara Bhavana,Chowdeswari Nagar, Laggere, Bengaluru – 560 058.

Loan Account No.: LNCHP02021-220003624 **Demand Notice: 16.12.2022**

OUTSTANDING AMOUNT: Rs. 26,55,498/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Eight Only) as on **15.12.2022** with interest+ Expenses etc.,

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece and Parcel of the Property bearing Residential Flat 004 in Ground Floor, having 600 Sq. Feet built up area with 150 Sq. Feet UDS, along with One Car Parking at Stilt Floor and Rights to use Terrace area of the Third Floor, building known as "Sri Durga Residency" constructed on property bearing Site No's 1350 and 1351 , Katha No: 1350/1351/218, in converted Sy.No: 218 (Conversion Order vide No: ALN (SR) (PU) 3267/2013-14 dated 09.06.2014), situated at Renuka Yellamma Block , Hullahalli Village, JiganiHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, **Boundaries of site bearing No. 1350 & 1351 : East by:** Site No. 1349, **West by:** Site No. 1352, **North by:** Site Nos. 1335 & 1334, **South by:** Road.

Measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all Measuring 2400 Sq. Feet.

Boundaries of Flat No. 004 : East By: Open to Sky, **West By:** Passage, **North By:** Flat No: 003, **South By:** Open to Sky.

Reserve Price: Rs.27,00,000/-; EMD: Rs.2,70,000/-; BID Increment: Rs. 10,000/-

Date of E-Auction: 09.05.2023,Time- 11.00 AM to12.00 Noon
with unlimited extension of five minutes for each bid, if the bid continues, till the sale is concluded

For any clarification please contact:	**Mr. Balla Karunakar Reddy, Mob: 7995545355, Mr. Y. Vijaya Bhasker Reddy, Mob: 9703051555. Mr. Govindraj, Ph.No. 9894078466.**

Last Date for submission of application for bid with EMD along with KYC documents: **08.05.2023 up to 04:00 PM**

Inspection of property is on or before **28.04.2023 before 5:00 PM** on any working day with prior appointment.

TERMS & CONDITIONS : (1) The intending bidder should submit the evidence of EMD deposit like UTR number along with Request letter for participation in the e-Auction, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification (KYC) Viz ID card/ Driving License/ Passport etc., (ii) Current Address - proof of communication, (iii) PAN card of the bidder (iv) Valid e- mail ID (v) Contact Number (vi) Scanned copies of the original documents can also be submitted to e-mail ID **Recovery@ikfhomefinance.com** and Address to submit IKF HOME FINANCE LTD Corporate Office: IKF Home Finance Limited # My Home Twitza,11th Floor, M Hotel, HITEC City Main Road, B/S Transco Substation, Raidurg, Hyderabad, Telangana - 500081. **(2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Details: EMD Amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT in favour of IKF Home Finance Limited to the account details mentioned herein below: A/c No.: 11520200014177, IFSC: FDRL0001152, Bank Name: The Federal Bank Limited, Branch: Vijayawada - 520 002. (3)** For further clarification bidders can Contact Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd.**, Building 301, Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Gulf Petrochem Building, Gurgaon, Haryana-122015, **https://www.bankeauctions.com, Help Line +91-124-4302020/21/22/ 23/24, +91-9700333933, email ID: support@bankeauctions.com** and **bikkina.gandhi@c1india.com,** prior to the date of e-Auction.

Date: 04.04.2023, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IKF Home Finance Ltd.**

ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು

2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ನಂ. 146, "ಸಹಕಾರ ಸೌಧ" 3ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 8ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಾರ್ಗೋಸಾ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560003

ಫಾರಂ ನಂ. 8
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(ಡಿ) ರನ್ವಯ :
ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಿಇಪಿ ನಂ: ಎಆರ್‌ಬಿ-/45/ಸಿಇಪಿ/06/2017-18
ದಾವಾದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿ/ಎಂಡಿ/356/2016-17 **ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-04-2017**

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : 1) ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಎಂಎಸಿಹೆಚ್‌ಎಸ್/10/ 2020-21 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02-12-2020.
2) ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಜಪ್ತಿ ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಆರ್‌ಬಿ-2/45/ಸಿಇಪಿ/06/2017-19 ದಿನಾಂಕ:11-12-2020.
3) ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಇವರ ದಾವಾದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಜೆಆರ್‌ಬಿ/ಎಂಡಿ/356/2016-17 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 28-04-2017
4) ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ನಡೆದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 03-02-2022.
5) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 16968/2022, ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15-12-2022.
6) ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ವಿಭಾಗಿಯ ಪೀಠದ ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್ - ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್) ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07-02-2023.
7) ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಎಂಎಸಿಹೆಚ್‌ಎಸ್/28/ 2022-23, ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13-02-2023.

ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್, ದಿ ಮೈಕೋ ಅಸೋಸಿಯೇಟ್ಸ್ ಹೌಸಿಂಗ್ ಕೋ-ಆಪರೇಟಿವ್ ಸೊಸೈಟಿ ಲಿ. ನಂ.290/2, **"ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಆರ್ಕೇಡ್"**, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ವಿಲ್ಸನ್‌ಗಾರ್ಡನ್, ಸುಬರ್ಬಾಲ್ ರೆಸ್ಟೋರೆಂಟ್ ಎದುರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560027 ಈ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘವು **ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್**, ನಂ.2/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಎಫ್-1, 18 ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರಂ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-55, ಮನೆ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ನಂ.376, 3ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 12ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಡಾಲರ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಆರ್.ಎಂ.ವಿ. 2ನೇ ಹಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 094 ಇವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 1959 ಪ್ರಕರಣ 70 ರನ್ವಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಜಂಟಿ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಪ್ರಾಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ದಾವಾ ಪ್ರಕರಣವನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.04.2017** ರಂದು ದಾವಾದೇಶವನ್ನು ಪಡೆದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಈ ದಾವಾದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ **ರೂ.17,57,87,000/- ಮತ್ತು ರೂ.3,00,00,000/- ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ.20,57,87,000/-ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01.04.2016** ರಿಂದ ಶೇ.18ರ ಬಡ್ಡಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿ **ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ** ಇವರು ಮರುಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯವರ ದಾವಾದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಜಪ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರಾಸ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಿ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಆದೇಶವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈ ದಾವಾದೇಶದ ಜಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೋಲ್ಡರ್ ಸಂಘವು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 1960 ರೂಲ್ 34 ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು **ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ** ದಾಖಲಿಸಿದ್ದು, ದಾಖಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-12-2020** ರಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾ ಬಾಕಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿದ **ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 12 ಮಲ್ಲಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮ, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ 33.5 ಗುಂಟೆಯನ್ನು** ಜಪ್ತಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಜಪ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(ಡಿ) ರನ್ವಯ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:20-12-2021 ರಂದು** ಫಾರಂ ನಂ.8 ರನ್ವಯ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಫಾರಂ ನಂ. 9 ರನ್ವಯ ಬಾಕಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಕ್ರಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟದ ನೋಟೀಸನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, 2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿ, ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಹರಾಜನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:03-02-2022 ರಂದು** ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ದಿನಾಂಕ:03-02-2022 ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯಲ್ಲಿ **ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್**. ನಂ.06, ಎಂ.ಎಲ್.ಎ ಮುನಿರಾಜು ಕಾಂಪೌಂಡ್, ಲೇಕ್‌ವ್ಯೂ, ಡಿಫೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಾಲೋನಿ, ಕೆಟ್ಟಿಹಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560015 ರವರು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿ **ರೂ.9,00,00,000/- (ರೂ. ಒಂಬತ್ತು ಕೋಟಿ ಮಾತ್ರ)** ಗೆ ಬಿಡ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್ ರವರು ಹರಾಜು ದಿನವೇ ಶೇ 15% ರಷ್ಟು ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಉಳಿದ ಶೇ 85% ರಷ್ಟು ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಹಣವನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:26-05-2022** ರಂದು ಪಾವತಿಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಸಂಘಕ್ಕೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಿರುವುದರಿಂದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:30-05-2022 ರಂದು** ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಫಾರಂ-10 ವಿತರಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ (5)ರನ್ವಯ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇ. ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ ಅಂಡ್ ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್, ರವರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಮುಂದೆ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **16968/2022ನ್ನು** ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜನಾರ್ಧನರಾವ್ ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(i) ರನ್ವಯ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಮಾರಾಟದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 45 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ನಿಯಮ 1960 ರೂಲ್ 38(2)(j) ರನ್ವಯ ಸುಸ್ತಿದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರವರು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **30-05-2022** ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಫಾರಂ-10 ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕೋರಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ದಿನಾಂಕ:**30-05-2022 ರಂದು** ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ರಿಟ್ ಪೀಟಿಷನ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **16968/2022ರ ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ:15-12-2022ನ್ನು** ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರ ಸಂಘವು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಪೀಠದ ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್-ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್)ರಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯವು ದಿನಾಂಕ:15-12-2022ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಆದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ದೋಷ ಕಂಡುಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ದ್ವಿ ಸದಸ್ಯಪೀಠ (Divisional bench) ರವರು ರಿಟ್ ಅಪೀಲು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1298/2022(ಸಿ.ಎಸ್-ಆರ್.ಇ.ಎಸ್)ನ್ನು ವಜಾಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ಇದರನ್ವಯ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಹಾಗೂ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ರವರಿಗೆ ಹೊಸ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಮತ್ತು ಆದೇಶದ ಪ್ರತಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ **ಮೂರು(03) ತಿಂಗಳ ಕಾಲಮಿತಿಯೊಳಗೆ** ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯಗೊಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ಆದೇಶಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಚ್ಚನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ದ್ವಿ ಸದಸ್ಯಪೀಠ (Divisional bench) ರವರು ಆದೇಶ ಜಾರಿಗಾಗಿ ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ.ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ಬಿನ್ ಲೇಟ್ ಗಂಗಪ್ಪ, ಶ್ರೀ ವಿನಾಯಕ ಬಿಲ್ಡರ್ಸ್ & ಡೆವಲಪರ್ಸ್, ನಂ.2/1, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಎಫ್-1, 18ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಮಲ್ಲೇಶ್ವರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು- 55 ರವರಿಂದ **ರೂ.17,57,87,000/- ಮತ್ತು ರೂ.3,00,00,000/- ಒಟ್ಟು ರೂ.20,57,87,000/- ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 01-04-2016 ರಿಂದ** ಈ ಮೊತ್ತ ವಸೂಲಾಗುವವರೆಗೆ ಶೇಕಡ 18% ರ ಬಡ್ಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಫೀ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ವಸೂಲಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಅಮಲ್ಜಾರಿ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಗಾಗಿ ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ(7) ರಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರರ ಸಂಘದ ಮನವಿಯಂತೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:15-02-2023ರ ಅಂತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ರೂ.28,29,40,346/-(ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೆಂಟು ಕೋಟಿ ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತೊಂಭತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ ನಲವತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರದ ಮುನ್ನೂರು ನಲ್ವತ್ತಾರು ಮಾತ್ರ)ಗಳು** ಸಂದಾಯವಾಗಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11-12-2020 ರಂದು **ಜಪ್ತಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:13-04-2023 ರ ಗುರುವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11-00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** ಅಥವಾ ಸದರಿ ಹರಾಜು ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವ ತಾರೀಖಿಗೆ ಮುಂದುವರಿಸಿ ಇಡಲ್ಪಡುತ್ತದೋ ಆ ದಿವಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಿರಂಗವಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಸದರಿ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸವಾಲು ಕೂಗುವವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ವಯ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ.

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: 1. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಹರಾಜಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸವಾಲು ಕೂಗಿದವನಿಗೆ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದ ಬೆಲೆಯು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎಂದು ಕಂಡುಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಇತರ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಸವಾಲನ್ನು ನಿರಾಕರಿಸುವುದು ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯ ವಿವೇಚನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
2. ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು ಹರಾಜಿಗೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ **ರೂ.20,000-00 (ಇಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)** ಗಳ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಕ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಪಾವತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಈ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನಗದಾಗಿ ಅಥವಾ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಡ್ರಾಫ್ಟ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಾವತಿಸುವುದು.
3. ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾದ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಲಾದ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಬೆಲೆಯ ಶೇ.15% ರಷ್ಟು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿದಾರನು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಉಳಿದ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಮಾರಾಟ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಸ್ಟಾಂಪು ಅಂಟಿಸಲು ಅಗತ್ಯವಾದ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ **45 ದಿವಸಗಳೊಳಗೆ** ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಮೇಲೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದ ಅವಧಿಯೊಳಗೆ ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಉಳಿದ ಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ತಪ್ಪಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಠೇವಣಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳನ್ನು ಭರಿಸಿದ ನಂತರ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಟ್ಟುಗೋಲು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಮತ್ತು ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಲು ತಪ್ಪಿದ ಖರೀದಿದಾರನು ಆ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅದನ್ನು ಆ ತರುವಾಯ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾದ ಹಣದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕ್ಲೈಮ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುವನು.
4. ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ತೀರ್ಮಾಣಿಯು ಅಥವಾ ಅವನ ಪರವಾಗಿ ವರ್ತಿಸುವ ಯಾವನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ಅಥವಾ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿದ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಕ್ಲೈಮ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಯಾವನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು, ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುವ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಅಸಲು, ಬಡ್ಡಿ, ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವಲ್ಲಿ ತಗುಲಿದ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು, ಜಪ್ತಿಯ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ಸಹಿತ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಾಜನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
5. ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿರುವಾಗ, ಅಂತಹ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಒಡೆತನ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಅಂಥಹ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ಅರ್ಜಿಸಿದ ಹಕ್ಕಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಬಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖರೀದಿ ಹಣದ ಶೇ.5 ರಷ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರನಿಗೆ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಲಾದ ಬಾಕಿಗಳ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಅಂದರೆ, ಯಾವ ಮೊಬಲಗಿನ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಯ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಮಾರಾಟಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಆದೇಶ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೋ ಆ ಮೊಬಲಗು ಮತ್ತು ಅದರ ಮೇಲಿನ ಬಡ್ಡಿ, ಜಪ್ತಿಯ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಹ ಮೊಬಲಗಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಬಾಕಿ ಇರುವ ಮಾರಾಟದ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ವೆಚ್ಚಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ, ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತಹ ಘೋಷಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಡಿಕ್ರಿದಾರನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಿದ ಮೊಬಲಗನ್ನು ಕಳೆದು ಉಳಿದ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟದ **30 ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ** ಠೇವಣಿ ಇಟ್ಟು ಮಾರಾಟವನ್ನು ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದೆಂದು ಕೋರಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.
6. ಹರಾಜು ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುವವರು ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಂತಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಅಥವಾ ಅನ್ಯರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೋ ಎಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸಲ್ಪಡಬಹುದು. ಅನ್ಯರ ನಿಮಿತ್ತ ಬಿಡ್ಡು ಮಾಡುವ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಅನ್ಯರಿಂದ ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅವರ ಅನುಮತಿಯನ್ನು ತಾವು ಪಡೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸುವುದು. ಈ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸದಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರು ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿಲ್ಲ.
7. ಈ ಹರಾಜು ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ/ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರು ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಮಾಡುವವರೆಗೆ ಖಾಯಂ ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿ, ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಿದರೆ ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ / ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಸಹಾಯಕ ನಿಬಂಧಕರ ಸಹಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೊಹರಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟವನ್ನು ಸ್ಥಿರೀಕರಣಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಮಾರಾಟ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವರು.
8. ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ಅವುಗಳ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣದ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೌಲ್ಯಮಾಪನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ತಪ್ಪುಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲ. **ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಯಾವ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ, ಯಾವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೆಯೋ ಅದೇ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ** ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇದನ್ನು ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರು ಮೊದಲೇ ಅರಿತು ಬಿಡ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವುದು.
9. ವಸೂಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ / ಮಾರಾಟಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಮುನ್ಸೂಚನೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಮುಂದೂಡಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಬಹುದು.
10. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಘದ ಮುಖ್ಯಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಹರಾಜು ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡುವ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ವಿವರ

All that Western Portion of Land measuring 33.5 guntas marked within the letters ABCDEIH shown in pink colour in the sketch annexed herein out of the entire land measuring **1 acre 27 guntas in Survey No.12, of Mallasandra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** (Converted land wide order No.ALN(n)SR-361/04-05 dated:07-04-2004-05 to and is bounded on the : **East by:** Remaining land fallen to the share of the JDrs. Measuring 33.5 guntas in the same Survey Number and also Survey No. 19 Shettyhalli Village. **West by:** Muniswamappa's Land, **North by:** Survey No. 19 Shettyhalli Village and Ramakrishnappa's Property. **South by:** Shettyhalli to Mallasandra Main Road.

Guideline Value	ಅಂದಾಜು ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರ
ರೂ. 4,84,76,611 /- (ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕೋಟಿ ಎಂಭತ್ತ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಲಕ್ಷದ ಎಪ್ಪತ್ತ ಆರು ಸಾವಿರದ ಆರು ನೂರ ಹನ್ನೊಂದು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)	ರೂ.6,70,00,000/- (ಆರು ಕೋಟಿ ಎಪ್ಪತ್ತು ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಸ್ಥಳ : ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ಥಿರ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಆವರಣ । ಹರಾಜಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 13.04.2023 ಗುರುವಾರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಸಹಿ/-
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2ನೇ ವಲಯ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

You the below mentioned Borrower and Co-borrower/ Guarantor have availed loan from The **Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. (Earlier known as ABN AMRO Bank N.V.)** by mortgaging your immovable property. You the below mentioned Guarantor have stood guarantee in respect of the said loan so availed. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-Performing Asset. RBS N.V.** has vide Deed of Assignment dated **05.03.2013** assigned loan to/in favour of **RBL BANK LTD (Bank)** all its rights, title and interests, benefits, dues receivable from you under/in respect of the captioned loan agreement alongwith the underlying security interest created in respect of immovable properties for repayment of the same.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower, Co-borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. and Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be Enforced	Amount Due in Rs.
1	1) **M/S. ULTRA CERAMICS,** Rep. by its Prop. **MR. BHARAT K DOSHI,** No.2336, K.R.Road, Bsk Ii Stage, Bangalore-560070 **(Borrower).** 2) **MR. BHARAT K DOSHI,** No.404, Purva Belmont, Kanakapura Main Road, J.P.Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. **Also at:** Flat No.402, Fourth Floor, Prabhavathi Sri Krishna-1, A Block, 4th Main, GK Reddy Layout, J.P.Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078 **(Co-Borrower & Mortgagor). 3) MRS. TEJAL B DOSHI,** No.404, Purva Belmont, Kanakapura Main Road, J.P.Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078 **(Co-Borrower).**	Loan Account No. 809001692821 Loan Sanctioned Rs.38,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Only)	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Flat No.402 (FO-2), in the Fourth Floor of the building known as "PRABHAVATHI SRI KRISHNA" having built up area of 1074 Sq.ft, consisting of Two-bed Rooms and one covered car parking area in stilt floor and **Bounded on the East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Corridor, **North by:** Flat No.401, **South by:** Open Space. Together with 232 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title, interest in the Site No.4, Site No.4-A, Site No.5, formed in Sy.No.36/1 of Puttenhalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now under the Limits of BBMP, Ward No.187, measuring 86.3+88*30 feet, 87.2+87.6*35 feet, 87.6+88*30 feet respectively, in all 8307.5 Sq.ft and commonly **Bounded on East by:** Lingaraju's Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Plot No.3 belongs to Smt. K. Sunanda, **South by:** Plot No.6 belongs to Mr. K. Upendra. **The Property belongs to MR. BHARAT K DOSHI.**	**Rs.35,99,817.74** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen and Seventy Four Paisa Only) with further interest and charges thereon. **Demand Notice date** **24.03.2023**

The Bank has pursuant to the said assignment and for the recovery of outstanding dues, issued demand notice u/s 13(2) of the Act with rule13(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 as and by way of service upon you. Details of the Borrower, Co-borrower, Guarantor, Properties mortgaged, outstanding dues, demand notice under Section 13(2) and amount claimed there under are given as below

You the Borrower and Co-borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgager are therefore called upon to make payment of the above mentioned amount due with further interest payment in full within **60 days** of this notice, falling which the undersigned shall be without any further reference constrained to take action under the said act to enforce the above mentioned security.

Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **RBL Bank Ltd.** against the borrower and guarantors of the said financial under the law. You are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the above secured asset, without our prior written consent.

Place: BANGALORE, Date: 05.04.2023 **Authorised officer, RBL Bank Ltd.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. Raju. B.N,** aged about 60 years, S/o. A. Narayanappa, R/at. # 124, Lakshmivenkateshwara Nilaya, 4th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Behind Venkateshwaraswamy Temple, Maragondanahalli, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore 560036, is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owner Mr. G. Ganesh, aged about 47 years, S/o. Mr. P. Govinda Raj, R/at. 125, 2nd 'D' Cross, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore 560043 for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights /claims /objections /Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within **7 days,** from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within **7 days**, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Vacant Site No. 34, Khata No. 451, formed in Converted Lands in Sy. No. 127/1A, bearing Conversion certificate No. ALN SR18/78-79, Dated 08/11/1978, issued by the Tahasildar, Hoskote Taluk, Hoskote, Situated at. Kithaganuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, formerly Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 20 feet and North to South: 36 feet, in all measuring 720 Square feet with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface, and property being bounded on the: **East By:** Private Property, **West By:** Remaining Portion of same Site No. 34, **North By:** 25 feet Road, **South By:** Site No. 31.

From, **Mr. Manjunath Reddy, Smt. T. Shobha Reddy,** Advocates
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DAY'S DIARY

Ripple Rock blast

On this day in 1958, Ripple Rock, an underwater mountain in Canada, was destroyed in a non-nuclear controlled explosions

MARINE HAZARD

This marine hazard was located within Seymour Narrows. Before the blast, it claimed at least 114 lives and was responsible for over large 20 ships sinking or being damaged

LIVE BROADCAST

The explosion that blew Ripple Rock was a major engineering feat. It was also one of the first events to be broadcast live across the country

FIRMS ROPED IN

Contracts for the blast were firms including JW Stewart Limited. Work began in 1955 and around 75 men were deployed on the base camp

Check out what's happening in the city

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'I AM ALWAYS A NEWCOMER AT HEART'

Pic: Anupam Kher's Instagram Handle

Actor Anupam Kher, who will be making his debut in Kannada cinema with the film *Ghost*, opens up to *CE* about the long wait to launch in Sandalwood, what keeps him going, and his connection to Bengaluru

A SHARADHAA

Shivarajkumar's heist thriller *Ghost*, directed by Srini, will be Anupam Kher's 535th film and his debut in Kannada cinema. Kher, who was in Bengaluru recently, reveals he has worked in all regional languages of Indian cinema, except for Kannada and Gujarati. Now, he is glad to have ticked off Kannada on his bucket list. "I was not offered roles in Kannada, and the couple of films that came my way – a decade ago – did not materialise," says Kher, a firm believer of the adage 'right things happen at the right time'. "As in my case, it has taken some time for things to work out in the Kannada film industry. But everything has a beginning and for me, *Ghost*, produced by Sandesh Productions, marks the beginning of my entry into Sandalwood."

Did blockbusters like *KGF* and *Kantara* catch the attention of the actor to take up a film from the industry? "No. Both were wonderful films. From my end, I have begun to experiment with films. I like to be part of films where the roles have been written with me in mind. Like what Srini did with *Ghost*," says Kher, adding, "I liked the way Srini approached this role and everything to do with it. From the narration, it sounded like a slick cinema. Though I am not able to give details about my role and the film, I was glad to be part of an interesting project," he says.

Anupam Kher and Shivrajkumar on the sets of *Ghost*

While films were once restricted to commercial entertainers with elements of action, comedy, and family drama, directors are now experimenting with genres like heist thrillers. "Indian cinema has evolved in these 75 years, and we have reached a comfortable place now. Back in the day, cinema got the least priority. Now, things have changed. During Covid, people were hooked to regional and international cinema. People and their tastes have changed. The audience perspective about cinema keeps changing, and that is one of the reasons the cinema industry – directors, producers, actors and technicians – have to keep reinventing. Regional cinema has played a major role in capturing rooted stories, although Hindi cinema has wavered at times in this aspect. But I am glad that things are back to normal and work is on in full swing," he says.

Kher is an actor who has seen the transition of cinema in close quarters. However, the multi-talented artiste doesn't like to look at life or cinema critically. "I don't take myself seriously. I don't like word like 'legends' and 'thespians'. I am always a newcomer at heart and this thought keeps me alive. *Ghost* is my 535th film, but I don't behave like an actor who has done so much work. I believe that the lighter I am, the higher I will go," he says.

Does he enjoy watching south Indian films? "I saw *Kantara* and *RRR* in the theatre with my friends. Because the more actors are connected with people, the more they can reinvent themselves. I watch south Indian films although I don't watch other films regularly. In fact, I have not even watched more than 200 films of mine," he says.

Kher's connection with Bengaluru is not just with films. "I do a lot of motivational lectures here. I launched my third book here. I love the city and have a lot of memories. I shot my first venture in Infosys. I friends who I keep coming back to meet here," says the actor.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

1. The iconic Seshadri Iyer Memorial Hall, located in the heart of Cubbon Park, was built in 1908 in honour of Sir K Seshadri Iyer, the longest-serving Dewan of Mysore State for 18 years from 1883 to 1901. His remarkable contribution and administrative reforms earned him 'the maker of modern Bangalore'. It was during his time the extensions of Malleswaram and Basavanagudi were laid out. A bronze statue of the Dewan in front of the building was unveiled in 1913. Though the building was built as a ceremonial hall, soon it was converted to a library in 1915 and still serves as one of the finest and largest libraries in the city. Name the library.

2. Mythic Society Library is a well-known haunt for historians, scholars and researchers in Bengaluru. Mythic Society, the pioneering Indic studies institute was founded in 1909 with the initiative of FJ Richards, the collector of Bangalore Cantonment along with a few like-minded literary enthusiasts in the city. Though it initially functioned from the residence of FJ Richards, it soon got its own building which was inaugurated by Yuvaraja Kanteerava Narasimharaja Wodeyar and named Daly Memorial Hall, after Sir Hugh Daly who served as the Resident of Mysore state. Name the road (earlier known as Cenotaph Road) in which this iconic heritage building is located.

3. Bengaluru can boast of having JRD Tata Memorial Library, one of the best science and technology libraries in India. Housed within the campus of a premier science institute in a vast campus in the city opened in 1911, the library is rich with research material, books and periodicals, making it a national resource centre for science researchers. The library is not very well-known among the public as the entry is restricted only to the teaching faculty and students of the institute. Which premier science institute in the city is the library housed?

WITTY TRAVEL TALE

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Looking Inwards

This teen singer dropped her latest single which is a deeply personal and gritty song about self-reflection; the video of the song includes an underwater shoot

Bengaluru's teen singer **Tanya Shanker** recently dropped her latest song *What Lies Beneath*. It is a deeply personal and gritty song about self-reflection and introspection. Shanker wrote the song about two years ago while she was 'feeling very lost and hopeless'. "It's about self discovery and introspection. It's like probing the surface to find out what drives me, and the reasons I do the things that I do. So it definitely helped me realise a lot about myself. It's a special song and one of the first where I feel like I was able to capture exactly what I put in the lyrics," says the 17-year-old singer.

Even though Shanker has come out with many originals in these two years, the song had always been work in progress for her. "We had been working on this EP for about two years and it is finally ready for release," says Shanker, adding that her mentor Richard Andrew helped her while working on the composition.

Not just the music, the video also looks powerful and dramatic with Shanker seen underwater. The singer emphasises that all the stunts were done by her. "I think I got up at 3 am. We had to be at the lake which was on the outskirts of the city. Because it's water, you can only get one chance to do the entire shot. I didn't even know what was in there. So in my fear, I almost slipped a couple of times, but you can't see that in the video," says Shanker, with a laugh.

The video might remind you of *This is the End*, sung by Adele, in *Skyfall*(2012). Shanker says that's where her primary inspiration came from. "I wanted to set a very poignant mood. The melody is haunting in a way and that was exactly what I wanted. Richard and I discussed it and we were going for a James Bond theme song with the vibe of *Skyfall*," says Shanker.

Though the song has an Adele vibe, the teen singer is a huge fan of Lady Gaga. "I feel her stage presence is just amazing. She's done things that were so ahead of her time and has an individuality," she concludes, hoping she reaches those creative heights some day.

CITY READ

KIOCL celebrates 48th Foundation day

Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) is a central public sector undertaking engaged in the manufacturing and sale of iron oxide pellets. During 2021-22, KIOCL observed a major blow to production due to the imposition of an export duty at 45 per cent on pellets. During the 48th Foundation Day celebration, T Saminathan, chairman and MD stated in his address that the company has resumed pellet production, due to the removal of export duty. The mining lease deed has been executed with the Govt. of Karnataka in Devadari Range. KIOCL is installing a non-recovery coke oven plant at its Blast Furnace Unit (BFU). The new vertical of Mineral Exploration (ME) is performing as per the targets set by the National Mineral Exploration Trust. Recently, the mineral exploration team met Dr Raju S, DG, GSI in Kolkata and had discussions about the engagement of the company as a service provider for the National Geophysical Survey Works. BK Mahapatra, commercial and finance director, Prashanth Kumar Balsavar, chief vigilance officer, and senior officers were present.

Data centre launched in Whitefield

The Web Werks - Iron Mountain Data Centers (IMDC) Joint Venture, announced the launch of their first data centre on their campus in Bengaluru. The data centre is located in Whitefield, and is well-positioned as a gateway to southern India. The BLR-1 is a Tier III data centre with 80,000 square feet of space that can accommodate up to 4MW of IT load. "We are eager to offer dependable and scalable colocation, cloud, storage, and network services to our new customers in south India. We appreciate the cooperation from the Government of Karnataka as we expand nationally with the addition of this data centre", commented Web Werks founder and CEO Nikhil Rathi.

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Five Ways to Find Inner Peace and Happiness

SWAMI RAGHUKUL DAS

"Swami Raghukul Das from ISKCON (extreme right) with (L-R) Rani Satish, Sheela Halkatti, Pavithra Halkatti, and Prema Krishna. He was speaking at an annual discourse held at Pavithra Halkatti, home. Pavithra Halkatti is a Businesswoman, Lawyer, Social Entrepreneur & Philanthropist. Her paternal great grandfather is Vachana Pitamaha Dr P G Halkatti, a towering literary figure and social reformer and her maternal grandfather is Shri M Rajsekara Murthy, a senior politician in the Karnataka and central government and renowned social reformer."

As human beings, we are constantly in search of happiness and fulfilment. We look for it in our relationships, our careers, our possessions, and our achievements. However, all too often, we find that these external sources of happiness are fleeting and temporary. We are left feeling empty and unfulfilled, and we continue to search for something more.

Why is happiness short-lived? Why is happiness not sustainable? Why is happiness elusive?

Happiness derived from external sources tend to have a short shelf life and unless it is constantly replenished with more newer sources, it keeps diminishing. So, the more stable and sustainable way for everlasting happiness is to first seek and attain inner peace.

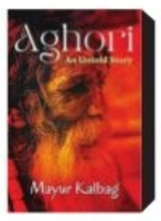
Inner peace is a state of being that is characterised by a sense of calm, tranquillity, and contentment that comes from within. This means that inner peace is a more sustainable and stable experience, as it is not dependent on external circumstances.

Of course, this is not an easy journey. Finding inner happiness and peace is a journey that requires patience, commitment, and a willingness to explore the depths of our being. Here are some ways that can help us find inner happiness and peace:

- Practice mindfulness: Mindfulness is the practice of being present in the moment and fully engaged with the world around us. It allows us to become more aware of our thoughts and emotions. Mindfulness can be practiced through meditation, deep breathing, or simply taking a few moments to observe our surroundings.
- Cultivate gratitude: Gratitude is a powerful practice that can help us to find happiness and peace in even the most challenging situations. By focusing on the positive aspects of our lives and expressing gratitude for the blessings we have, we can shift our perspective and cultivate a sense of inner joy and contentment.
- Develop a spiritual practice: A spiritual practice can help us to connect with something greater than ourselves and cultivate a sense of inner peace and harmony. This can include practices such as prayer, meditation, or yoga.
- Connect with others: Our relationships with others are an important source of happiness and fulfilment. By cultivating meaningful connections with others, we can experience a sense of belonging and purpose.
- Let go of attachment: Attachment to material possessions, status, and other external sources of happiness can prevent us from finding true inner peace and happiness. By letting go of them, we can focus on what truly matters in life.

By incorporating these practices into our daily lives, we can cultivate a sense of inner fulfilment and joy.

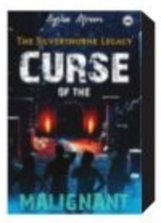
BOOK NOOK



The Aghori: An Untold Story

by Mayur Kalbag

A vibrantly coloured collage of varied experiences that the protagonist, Subraiya or Subbu goes through. An autobiographical form that incorporates diverse activities that are spiritual, intriguing, ethereal and at times frightening.



Curse of the Malignant

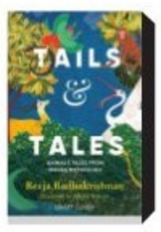
by Ayesha Afreen

The Curse of the Malignant from the fantasy fiction series, The Silverthrone Legacy revolves around a curse on the town of Northacus. Ish Evans and Hasllie Moore have overcome the fears of Malignant's room and are set in search of their friend.

Not quite a disaster after all

by Buku Sarkar

The story follows Anjali, misfit, the expensively educated daughter of a wealthy family, from her childhood in Calcutta to her coming of age in New York City.



Tails and Tales

by Reeja Radhakrishnan

There are animals and birds who lead a quest, forge a friendship, avenge a wrong or save the world like a superhero. The stories in the illustrated book showcase diversities and wealth of folklore.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Festive Feast

Spend your Easter with a yummy lunch and dinner buffet with wide variety of options from multiple cusines and some live music .

WHERE: Melange, Radisson Blu, Outer Ring Road
WHEN: April 9, 2pm
DETAILS: 88844 00155

DESI MOVES

Bombay Talkies ft. DJ Zafiq is going to be a musical night for all Bollywood fans, where they can dance to their all-time favourite beats.

WHERE: Indulge by House of Commons, JP Nagar
WHEN: April 8, 8pm

Indoor Adventures

A chance to get your acting and sketching skills together on game night. You can go in a group of a maximum of four members.

WHERE: K-OS The GameBar, Koramangala
WHEN: April 5, 8pm
DETAILS: highape.com

RCB CHEERS

Experience this season of IPL with KKR v/s RCB match live screening on the rooftop and enjoy the game with your friends with big cheers.

WHERE: Sky Garden Bar & Kitchen, Krishnarajapura **WHEN:** April 6, 7pm
DETAILS: highape.com

CARRYING THE LEGACY

To celebrate the legacy of Odissi legend Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, Sanjali Centre for Odissi Dance presents Pravaha Dance Festival **WHERE:** Seva Sadan, Malleswaram **WHEN:** April 7, 6pm **DETAILS:** allevents.in

RHYTHMIC SUMMER

Colours of Summer is an opportunity for those who are waiting to join a music class during the summer break.

WHERE: The Popsicle Studio, Cunningham Road
WHEN: April 6, 4am
DETAILS: allevents.in

EXPRESS YOURSELF

A Performing Arts Summer Program by Rinila Rachel for children aged 1 to 4 years, where they can experience creativity through activities like live music, rhythm, body exploration, voice modulation, facial expressions, and much more.

WHERE: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
WHEN: April 6, 4pm
DETAILS: 9148849124

Talent Hunt

This is an open mic for first-timers and newcomers to try out their jokes. Performers require registration.

WHERE: Shades Of Coffee, HSR Layout
WHEN: April 7, 7pm
DETAILS: insider.in

DIFFERENT SHADES OF GREY

Visitors glance at charcoal paintings by artists Shipra Gupta and Sucharita Senapati displayed at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath| SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

QUICK FIX

SABUDANA VADA

Contributed by **Shubham Kulkarni,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Sabudana/sago:** 2 cups
- **Potato (boiled and smashed):** 4
- **Peanuts (roasted & crushed):** 1 cup
- **Lemon Juice:** 2 tsp
- **Coriander (finely chopped):** 4 tbsp
- **Cumin:** 2 tsp
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Oil for frying**
- **Ginger Paste:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Take 2 cups of sabudana, soak them in 3 cups of water in a large dish. Let the water completely drain off before turning off the water and letting it rest for 30 minutes.
- Place the sabudana in a big bowl. Add 2 potatoes and 1/2 cup of peanuts as well. Add 1 tsp cumin, 1 chilli, 2 tbsp coriander, 1/2 tsp salt, 1/2 tsp ginger paste, and 1 tsp cumin.
- Mix and mash well with your hand. Prepare vada by deep frying or fry in a pan.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

ARDHA BADDHA TRIKONASANA

(HALF BOUND TRIANGLE POSE)

This is a challenging variation of the Triangle Pose and a modification of the Triangle Pose Hand In Front. It requires deep opening of shoulder and arm muscles. The chest is twisted to the side, providing maximum lift to the torso. A great heart opener.

STEPS

- From Utthita Tadasana, spread the legs sideways to 3-3 ½ feet. Keep the arms stretched at shoulder level, parallel to the floor.
- Move the right foot out to 90 degrees and left foot s inwards to 45 degrees. Keep the legs straight. Pull the knee cap of the right leg up.
- Breathe, and with every exhalation push the navel into the spine. Raise the chest out and up while placing the right foot firmly on the ground.
- Inhale, extend the arms sideways to the right, exhale, and bend the torso at the hips. Bring the right arm down, placing the palm on the floor close to the right foot on the inside.
- Stretch the left arm up above your head, gaze towards the left palm. Experience the deep stretch at the lower back and right inner thighs.
- Keep alignment of hips, left foot, left arm, right arm, right foot, and the entire chest. Inhale, pull the belly in. Exhale, take the left arm from behind and twist the shoulders and chest.
- Place the palm on the thigh of the front leg.
- Remain here for 3-5 deep breaths.
- Inhale, release the bound hand and press the back foot. Release the bend. Come to centre and relax.
- Repeat on the other side.
- Release and relax.

BENEFITS

- Increases the flexibility of shoulders, arms and spine.
- Stretches muscles around the chest and diaphragm.
- Improves the functioning of lungs.
- Reduces respiratory disorders and encourages better functioning of the heart.
- Regulates the oxygenated blood supply throughout the body.
- Improves focus with awareness and builds self-awareness.
- Brings stability in the posture and benefits teenagers.
- Ensures a stable mind for deeper yoga practises.
- Maintains posture of the spine.
- Stimulates abdominal muscles.
- Improves functioning of the internal organs and digestion.
- Burns extra fat & tones the sides.

LIMITATIONS

People with injured shoulders, hips, arms, legs, neck, or lower back, high BP, frozen shoulders, tight hamstrings, slipped disc or severe back pain, who have undergone spine, hips, shoulders or knee surgeries, pregnant women in third trimester and senior citizens should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

RAANGI (Tamil)

Thaiyal Nayagi, a fearless journalist, learns about her niece being blackmailed and decides to help her. Soon, her investigation gets her embroiled in a terrorist plot.

Cast: Trisha, Anaswara Rajan, John Mahendran

Watch on: Netflix

ARIYIPPU (Malayalam)

A scandalous video triggers a crisis for a couple working in a factory, unleashing unexpected conflicts in their personal and professional lives.

Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Divya Prabha, Danish Husain

Watch on: Netflix

VEDHA (Telugu)

A once peaceful man, Vedha, goes on a revenge killing spree with his daughter, Kanaka, after she gets released from prison. A daunting inspector Ramaa tries to stop the duo, only to be outrun by them.

Cast: Ganavi Laxman, Shiva Rajkumar, Shwetha Chengappa

Watch on: ZEE5

GARUDA (Kannada)

Vikram, a man on a mission to capture an evil mastermind who destroyed his family and is also a threat to the country.

Cast: Anand, Arasu, Ramesh Bhat

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

GOODBYE (Hindi)

A family crumbles when the mother suddenly passes away and the children try to rush home to complete her final rites. However, differing opinions cause clashes among the clan.

Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Rashmika Mandanna, Neena Gupta

Watch on: Netflix

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SEMBI (Tamil)

A bus named Anbu narrates the stories of its 24 passengers, giving a glimpse of their journey from Kodaikanal to Dindigul.

Cast: Kovai Sarala, Mullai Arasi

Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

INI UTHARAM (Malayalam)

A woman who confesses to a murder claims that the investigating inspector is her accomplice. However, at the crime scene, the suspense intensifies with an unexpected twist.

Cast: Aparna Balamurali, Kalabhavan Shajohn,

Watch on: ZEE5

FOREIGN

AFRICAN FOLKTALES REIMAGINE (Swahili, series)

Six beloved African folktales are boldly reimagined in this multilingual anthology series exploring themes of grief, love and mysticism.

Cast: Loukman Ali, Voline Ogutu, Halima V

Watch on: Netflix

CRASHING (English, series)

Six individuals live in an abandoned hospital as its property guardians and strive hard to deal with their relationships with each other.

Cast: Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Julie Dray, Jonathan Bailey

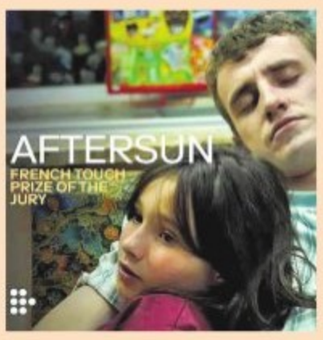
Watch on: Netflix

THE POWER (English, series)

Teenage girls suddenly and mysteriously develop a special power that allows them to electrocute people at will.

Cast: Toni Collette, Auli'I Cravalho, Toheeb Jimoh

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



AFTERSUN (English)

Twenty years after their last holiday at a fading vacation resort, Sophie reflects on the rare time spent with her loving and idealistic father Calum.

Cast: Frankie Corio, Paul Mescal, Celia Rowlson Hall

Watch on: Mubi

SUBSCRIPTION

SonyLIV:	₹ 299 per month
Zee5:	₹ 399 for 3 months
Disney+Hotstar:	₹ 199 for 3 months
Netflix:	₹ 149 per month

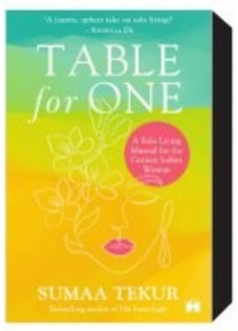
City-based author Sumaa Tekur's latest book is a manual for solo living based on her experiences. In conversation with *CE*, Tekur shares why she chose to pen the book and the joys and adversities she experienced as a woman living alone in her thirties

SOLO SOJOURN

DESE GOWDA

IN the contemporary world, people are increasingly choosing to break away from traditional living arrangements and explore alternative lifestyles. For women, in particular, living alone is becoming more common. However, as an independent writer **Sumaa Tekur** discovered, it is still not the norm. In her book *Table for One*, Tekur, who describes herself as 'fiercely independent', shares her experience of living alone for the past 12 years and offers advice and encouragement to other women who are considering the same path.

Written in a diary format, the book explores the politics of solo living and various challenges that one inevitably faces in the Indian cultural context. "In the West, it is common for women to live independently as soon as they hit 16-17 years of age. They live with peers or alone, they hustle and get things done. It's all considered normal. A similar culture exists in the Far East as well. In countries like South Korea, people leave their homes and go looking for opportunities, while living alone," Tekur explains. "Here, if you are an unmarried woman in your 40s or 50s and if your parents are living in the same city, it's unheard of for them to live separately," she says. "You cannot break the family unit. The woman doesn't get to have her own private space. In that context, this book is quite unique."



Having practised solo living for over a decade, Tekur says she only realised how unique her situation was just a few years ago, prompting her to share her experiences. "Although it isn't that uncommon for a single woman in her thirties to live alone, it still isn't that mainstream," she says. Tekur wanted to write about her experience and create a manifesto for other women who are looking to do the same. "It took nearly four years to write it, but the hardest part was actually putting myself out there," she admits. "Being a private person, having to share personal anecdotes about my life was, to say the least, very hard."

But the writing process was also cathartic for Tekur, who, along the way, realised that she hadn't addressed a lot of things about her living situation – especially about how people perceive it. "The key takeaway is that one has to learn to be comfortable with themselves, regardless of the situation," she says, adding, "My reason for living alone was my fierce independence. I wanted my own space for extended periods of time to do things in my own way. I wanted to stretch that independence and explore it completely. The book looks at how I took the plunge because that's a difficult aspect. Convincing the most important people in your life that you want to live alone is difficult," Tekur shares.

While some may live alone by choice, others have to do so by circumstance. "For instance, two of my aunts lost their spouses in their 60s and due to social circumstances, they were forced to learn to live alone. For some, that can be a terrifying experience," Tekur says, adding "Exploring a different living format, breaking away from the traditional mould, is still not the norm. But living alone can be a rewarding experience, and I hope my book can help more women find the courage to take that step."

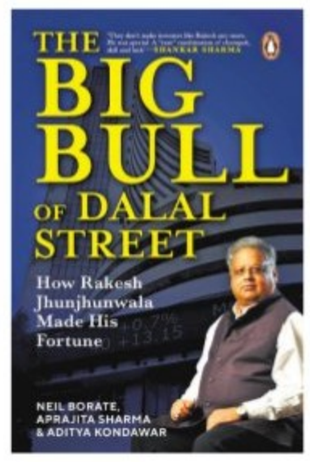
NUGGETS

Fellowships for Children's Book Creators announced

The Neev Literature Festival (NLF) announced a fellowship for children's book creators (writers and illustrators) to facilitate quality, detailed children's books that authentically mirror Indian lives and experiences. Proposals are invited from children's book creators to produce a book in any genre that has the power to connect with young readers universally. The NLF Fellowships will support selected book creators with a grant of `6 lakh each for a period of one year for researching and writing their book. The fellows are expected to author original books. Though the fellowships are not restricted in terms of genre, theme or ideology, the NLF expects proposed works to contribute to a fuller understanding of India. The last date to apply is June 30, 2023. The announcement of fellows is in October, 2023. To apply, log onto https://nlf-fellowships-for-book-creators.paperform.co/

Book on Rakesh Jhunjhunwala to release on April 24

The first book on the life of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala will be out on April 24. *The Big Bull of Dalal Street* looks at the life of India's big bull, as Jhunjhunwala was famously known, both as a person and as a professional. Providing a fascinating account of his journey, it analyses the records of Jhunjhunwala's investments and interviews he has given over the years. More than just a biography, a large section of the book is devoted to understanding the stocks that made him rich and the mistakes he made. Looking at the journey of the legendary investor, the book offers retail investors some useful insights – benefits of long-term investing, mistakes one should avoid in the stock market, risk associated with leveraged trades, among others.



Witty travel tale

Khyrunnisa A's *Chuckle Merry Spin: Us in the US* is a funny travelogue and an account of class differences apparent in the rich country

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KHYRUNNISA A's latest offering *Chuckle Merry Spin: Us in the US* is about the misadventures of an exotic holiday. A former college professor turned writer is travelling to the US with her husband for the graduation ceremony of their daughter-in-law Arpitha. And things ensue.

A play on Mark Twain's celebrated book *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, the book reads like an entertaining, hilarious, and witty travelogue.

The book, published a few months ago, is a relatable laugh-inducing real tale where her husband VK also jots down his sojourn in one of the chapters, 'The Train to Poughkeepsie'.

The book starts off with travel tips, including visa processing from the Passport Seva Kendra. "My trip to the US back in 2018 has turned into a travel itinerary to be followed by less tech-savvy persons," chuckles Khyrunnisa.

"I never planned to write a travelogue. But being in a completely new place, people and culture, I started scribbling my experiences in my small diary. We stayed in California at VK's student Abdul Nizzar's house. He found me scribbling and asked if I had plans for a new book. So I thought, why not. Thus came *Chuckle Merry Spin: Us in the US*."

It was her 40-year-old cousin Prithvi who suggested the title of the book. "He also guided us at the American Consulate in Chennai," she adds.

"To get an American visa is a hard task. We have to pass an interview held in the Chennai Consulate. So the book starts off from there on our return. One interesting part was the tech-driven subway journey in New York, a truly frightening experience. So was the tornado in front of my eyes," she says.

Cruising in Boston, creaking houses made of wood, the upside down switches, restrooms with only paper and no water, complicated restaurant etiquette, rule-bound lifestyle... She narrates every aspect of the 40-day trip.

"Most readers commented that the book provides a sneak-peek on travelling to the US through a common-man's perspective. Luckily I had a tech-savvy daughter-in-law and son to rescue us from that country. I constantly tried to compare the systems in the US, from transportation to the attitude of people, with ours to understand the developments in the two countries," concludes the veteran writer.

HRIDAY RANJAN
Urban Bourbon

(Writer, comedian)

The Indian Permanent League

IT'S that time of the year again, folks! Cricketers across age groups will grace our screens, peddling everything from life insurance to condoms. No movies will be released for two months. Indians will watch transfixed as 22 men fight it out. Foreign players will arrive on our soils and spend much of the two months with pink faces.

Like power-cuts and mangoes, the Indian Premier League has slowly but surely become a summer staple for us. Now in its 16th year, the league is now a teenager with its own whims and tantrums. A league that began when MS Dhoni won the T20 league, and then went from strength to strength. At the time, nobody would have expected the league to become one of the most successful leagues in the world.

The sailing hasn't been smooth, but the IPL has a way of overcoming every obstacle in its way. When the Supreme Court ordered the 2009 edition to be halted in view of the General Elections, it was shifted to South Africa in a matter of weeks. When Corona took over the world, the league continued to be played in Dubai in front of empty audiences. Like it says in the Gita, 'Whenever a nation is starved of entertainment, the cricket league will appear to keep them entertained'. The IPL is also the story of India's rise in the world. Look at the sponsors, and you'll find that the title sponsors have gone from infrastructure to fintech apps - heralding a nation's economy taking new turns and directions.

Personally, the IPL affects tickets for my standup shows. Since no movies release during the period, I mostly have no movies to review either. It is a two-month phase where I mostly take shelter from the searing heat and choose a new team to support. But one question still persists in the minds of cricket fans across the country - what will it take for RCB to win an IPL?

They have had the world's best batsman for a decade and a half. They have had AB de Villiers, Chris Gayle and Glenn Maxwell in the same team. They have had the undying support of the entire stadium, and even Mr. Nags to provide smiles in the face of losses. Which leads one to wonder - is it a global conspiracy? Is it the city's traffic that acts as a hurdle? Even as new teams are added to the league, RCB's chances of winning the IPL have become as slim as Vijay Mallya starting an ashram in Tiruchirapalli.

But like a Venture Capitalist rising like a phoenix from a financial loss, RCB fans dust themselves off and rise in the next summer. Cheering for their team and taking part in contests, even though deep inside, they know that the results will be the same. In that sense, being an RCB fan is not just about cricket and fandom. Being an RCB supporter teaches you about life. It teaches you that life is not about expecting results - but in continuing with your pursuits irrespective of the outcome.

I have always felt that if you have supported RCB for a decade, you have become an enlightened person. Look at the faces of the fans in the stadium, and you won't find die-hard fans. Look into their eyes and you'll see sagely wisdom. And that is probably RCB's greatest contribution. Most teams simply play and win tournaments. RCB teaches you about life, about accepting failure, and rising up again to face your obstacles. If you're an RCB supporter, I wish you luck for the spiritual progress you are set to make in the coming months!

(The writer's views are his own)

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AMOGHA KALLATTI SHANKAR BHAT** S/o **Shankar Ramachandra Bhat** R/at No.A013, Tower-1, Assetz Marq, Kannamangala, Bengaluru- 560067, have changed my name to **AMOGHA KALLATTI SHANKAR** vide affidavit dated: 23/3/2023 Before Notary **Ganesh Gowda M.V** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGARAJA S** R/at No. 466 8th Cross, 4th Main KHB Colony 2nd Stage, Basaveshwara Nagar Bangalore - 560079 have changed my name to **NAGARAJ S** vide affidavit dated: 31/3/2023 Before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMITHA .S**, D/o. Subramanya, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. M-69, 7th Cross, Market Road, Lakshminarayanapura, Bangalore - 560 021, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SMITHA .S** (maiden name) to **SMITHA MAHESH MUDRADI** (name after marriage) vide affidavit dated 04.04.2023 sworn to before N.K. Lakshmana, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Smt CHINNAMMAL wife of No.1286140W, Ex-Sep (late) Ramu of Arty, residing at 3/219, Thottinayakanahalli - Vill, Rayakottai - Post, Denkanikottai - Teh, Krishnagiri- dist, Tamil Nadu-635116 have changed my name **CHINNAMMAL ALIAS CHINNAMMA** (Existing name) as per my late Husband's Army Service Records to **CHINNAMMAL** (Proposed name) Vide affidavit dt: 03.04.2023 before Notary Mr. C. Premanand, BA LLB, at Krishnagiri.
Smt CHINNAMMAL

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I, VASUDEVA, S/o, Late Annigeri Jayarao, Residing at No. 114/3, 9th Cross, 2nd Main, Adarsh Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560 018 have changed My Name **to VASUDEVA A.J. vide affidavit dated 03.04.2023** Sworn before Notary Meenakshi.K., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJULA RAM MOHAN** R/at No.11, 2nd Cross, 22nd Main, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my minor Daughter name from **BHOOMIKA RAM MOHAN** To **BHOOMIKA SHETTY VENKATARAMAIAH RAM MOHAN** vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary **C.Srinivas** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SRINIVASA** Aged 45 Years R/at No.97, Srinivasa Buliding, 4th Cross, IMG Elite Apartment, Royal Lake Front Residency, JP Nagar 9th Phase, Bengaluru-560062, have changed my name to **SRINIVASA MARI GOWDA** vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary **C.Srinivas** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PRAN POOVAIAH**, S/o B RAJU, aged about 40 years, residing at #B-4/70, SFS-208, OPPOSITE MOTHER DAIRY, YELAHANKA NEW TOWN, BANGALORE 560064, have changed my name from **PRAN B R** to **PRAN POOVAIAH**, vide affidavit dated 3/4/2023 sworn to before G R Ravichandra Reddy advocate and notary Bangalore

DECLARATION
I, BALIRAM S. SHARMA, S/o. Shivnarayan Sharma, aged about 68 years, residing at No. 443, 4th Floor, 3rd Phase, Platinum City, O Block, HMT Main Road, Bengaluru North-560022 do hereby state that my father's Original Name is **SHIVNARAYAN SHARMA.** but wrongly entered in my Passport Book as **SHED NARAYAN SHARMA.** Hence I requested concerned authority to change my father Name from **SHED NARAYAN SHARMA** to **SHIVNARAYAN SHARMA.** in Passport book Sworn before Notary T.C. Thimmaraja on 1-4-2023 at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ANAND KUMAR, S/o Anka Reddy, aged about 43 years, R/at L-36, 2nd A Main Road, 15th Cross, HSR Layout, 6th Sector, Bangalore-560102, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **YUKTHA ANANDA KUMAR** to **YUKTHA ANAND KUMAR,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **YUKTHA ANAND KUMAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HARISHA .G** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJULA RAM MOHAN** R/at No.11, 2nd Cross, 22nd Main, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my minor Daughter name from **BHAVYA RAM MOHAN** To **JAHNAVI SHETTY VENKATARAMAIAH RAM MOHAN** vide affidavit dated: 3/4/2023 Before Notary **C.Srinivas** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YOGESHA PRASANNA.V,** S/o **Venkatesh.A**, Agd 52 Yrs, R/at 20, 2nd MN RD, Pattegara Palya Blr- 72, HV Changed my name As **YOGESH PRASANNA. V** Vide affidavit Dt: 3 - 4 - 23 Sworn To Notary **Sakalesh** Blr

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smitha Mahesh Mudradi HR** Officer by profession and, now residing at 43B, Welland Way, Beechboro, Western Australia 6063, have changed my name from **Smitha Subramanya/Smitha S** to **Smitha Mahesh Mudradi,** vide affidavit dated 8/12/2021 sworn before Helen Margaret Mills, Western Australia and Naresh Sharma Consul (Cons) Consulate General of India Perth.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) AMEERUDEEN BASHA,** residing at No. 97, Mackan Road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore-560001, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) AMEERUDEEN BASHA** to **(NEW NAME) AMEERUDDIN BASHA** vide affidavit Dated 4/4/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

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I, (OLD NAME) PRIYANKA SHARMA, residing at No. 19, Flat No. 201, 5th Cross, Pushpa Nilaya Syndicate Bank Colony, Bengaluru-560076, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PRIYANKA SHARMA** to **(NEW NAME) PRIYANKA KAILASH SHARMA** vide affidavit Dated 03/04/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, B.N PRABHA, W/o J SUDHARSHAN. R/o No.459/8, Suraksha Nivas, 4th Cross, 3rd Main Kempapura, Hebbal, Bangalore-560024, Have Changed my name from **B.N PRABHA** to **RAKSHA SUDHARSHAN BANGALORE NANJUNDAIAH,** for all future purposes, vide affidavit dated:28/03/2023, sworn before Notary Public, Jalandhara, Bangalore.

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Stills from the film

PENTAGON, AN ANTHOLOGY FOR EVERYONE

Guru deshpande, the producer, director, and creative head along with directors Akash Srivatsa, Raghu Shivamogga, Chandramohan, and Kiran share their thoughts about their anthology, having death as its central theme.

A SHARADHAA

ANTHOLOGIES are rare in Kannada cinema. What was once tried by legendary director, Puttanakanagal, was followed by Rishab Shetty's *Katha Sangama* in 2020 and Rohit Padaki tried his hand with *Dayavittu Gamanisi*. The latest addition to this format is director and producer Guru Deshpande's *Pentagon*. His upcoming anthology is a collection of five stories, directed by different filmmakers. Each story is unique and features well-known actors.

The theme that unites all the segments in *Pentagon* is

death, and the segments are directed by Deshpande himself along with Akash Srivatsa, Raghu Shivamogga, Chandramohan, and Kiran.

When asked to share their views on death, Deshpande says. "What begins with death, ends with death." Chandramohan, on the other hand, says, "Death will come to you, only when it's your turn." According to Akash Srivatsa, "The bitterness of death makes you realise the sweetness of a precious life." Raghu Shivamogga says, "The birth of every intention comes with the death of its consequences," while Kiran Kumar states "Life discriminates, but death doesn't."

Calling it an ambitious project, Guru Deshpande shares the reason behind launching the project. "I wanted to bring short films to the fore, and not limit it to YouTube releases. Stories put together can be brought out on a big scale as a feature film. Being a founder of a film institute, I feel today's students need special education in filmmaking, and this project allowed a handful of students to gain experience in cinema. At least 6 students were part of each episode and they gained practical knowledge. Projects like this help in building the core of newcomers, while experimenting with a new format." Guru Deshpande believes that the anthology spearheaded by him is a commercially viable outing as it features very well-known actors like Kishore, Prakash Belawadi, Ravi Shankar, Pruthvi Ambaar along with some new faces in different stories, and it has been shot on a big scale.

"The five episodes helmed by different directors, have interesting commercial elements. The anthology has segments which belong to genres like thriller, dark comedy, emotional drama and anti-casteist drama. The advantage of an anthology is that audience can pick up their favourite story and genre," he adds.

The film made under the G Cinemas banner also includes Pramod Shetty, Tanisha Kuppanda, Prithiki Deshpande, and Prerarana Kambam. Pentagon has music scored by Kadri Manikanth.

Costume designer Neeta Lulla talks about the intricacies of designing the costumes of *Shaakuntalam*, creating over 3,000 looks for the mythological drama, and prioritising comfort in fashion

Myth for the millennial

ANUSHA SUNDAR

Samantha in the first-look poster from *Shaakuntalam*

FROM bagging the National Film Award for Best Costume Design four times to dressing up the who's who of the Indian film industry, costume and fashion designer Neeta Lulla has been there, done that. And yet, her next, *Shaakuntalam*, starring Samantha, and directed by Gunasekhar, is a rather different beast altogether. For Neeta, it marks a return home, she says. "As soon as the announcement of *Shaakuntalam* was made, Gunasekhar garu asked me to join the team. I respect his work and his vision for the visual language of stories. He can make you visualise an entire film just with his narration. What else can a visual artist like me want?" asks Neeta, who has previously worked with Gunasekhar in *Rudramadevi* (2015).

Shaakuntalam is based on the mythological story of King Dushyant and his wife Shakuntala. While many of those involved in making this film heard the story as children, they understand that those of today's generation may not be too familiar with the mythology of it all. That's perhaps why they have billed the film as a 'mythology for the millennials.' "I have grown up listening to this story and have even seen paintings of Shakuntala. So, it was easy to connect the dots when Gunasekhar garu was explaining the narrative. He was also clear about how he wanted it to be presented to millennials. Children, these days, use the digital medium to learn about such tales... So, what better medium than cinema to be able to showcase *Shaakuntalam*?"

Shaakuntalam is based on Kalidasa's play, *Abhignyana Shakuntalam*, with visual references taken from mythology-based comic books. While the source material was straightforward enough, the difficulty lay in making the content relatable for today's generation. To achieve that, Neeta employed local weaves and close-to-real materials to dress up Samantha's Shakuntala. "We used a lot of organic cotton (sourced from Vijayawada Pochampalli), and mulmul. Real flowers were used to further enhance the looks. We kept them in ice boxes and changed them twice or thrice a day. We also did a lot of research to come up with the fabrics. Indian weaves like Kanchipuram and Dharmavaram silk, Kalamkari, and Pochampalli weaves were sourced to construct the outfit," reveals Neeta.

Speaking about the first look poster that revealed Samantha in an all-white drape with red floral embellishments, the designer says that the entire look was made using mulmul and organic cotton. This look was apparently made using an ensemble so that it could be used repeatedly to achieve sustainability. "The bottom area of the skirt is separate, and we draped the rest and used it in a way that made sure we didn't have to make too many of it. The shawls that you see where the flowers are clipped on were used for other costumes as well," she says, while adding that vegetable dyes were preferred instead of factory dyes.

Neeta points out the importance of production houses recycling the costumes and hails Gunasekhar and Neelima Guna, the director's daughter, who is producing the film, for doing the same. "Every piece of clothing is stored beautifully like in a museum. Keeping them safe is a major step for sustainability."

Close to a whopping 3,000 costume looks were apparently designed, out of which only 30-40 were dedicated to Dushyant's looks. Expanding on how her choices determine these looks, Neeta talks about placing a lot of emphasis on 'feeling'. "When I am looking at fabrics for a particular outfit, I have to hold and feel them. If I get a positive vibration, it works. When I place them on the mannequin to create a cut, it needs to feel right. Else, I move on."

It helped Neeta that Samantha was quite accommodating. "This was the first time she was adorning such looks. She was initially apprehensive but developed the ability to carry looks that weighed over 10 kilos." The designer remembers to prioritise the comfort of the actors too. "I never sacrifice their comfort. For example, for *Thalaivi*, I had to build a body suit that looked realistic—and yet, made Kangana comfortable." How did she achieve such comfort while designing looks for *Shaakuntalam* that weighed over several kilos? "It's why we opted for organic cotton. In fact, all the garments had a cotton lining. No matter how grand they looked on the outside, they were designed to feel comfortable and absorbent on the inside."

Up next, Neeta will be working with Kangana once again for P Vasu's *Chandramukhi 2*. While she remains very guarded about the film, Neeta calls the actor a designer's muse.

OF THE CONTINUITIES IN THE END

NAMRATA JOSHI

THE worst of horror often lurks in the banal daily rhythms of life, in its essential evanescence and unpredictability, interrupted by tragedies that come unannounced. But then can you ever be fully prepared for misfortunes and mishaps even when you can see them coming?

Japanese filmmaker Koji Fukada's *Love Life*, which premiered in Venice, gave me the scariest moment at the movies in recent times. Its memory still sends a chill down the spine more so because Fukada creates it on screen ever so quietly, gently, and stealthily. It breaks the heart of the audience just as it shatters the characters on screen. But Fukada doesn't rest at that. The bolt out of the blue also marks a seismic shift (quite like the passing earthquake shown in the film) in certain relationships, marriages, and family dynamics.

Taeko (Fumino Kimura) is happily (seemingly so) married to Jiro (Kento Nagayama) who regards her son from the first marriage, Keita (Tetsuta Shimada), as his own. While her father-in-law dislikes Taeko, the mother-in-law (Misuzu Kanno) longs for the couple to have another child. Her own personal grandkid so to speak. A celebration in the family leads to an unforeseen loss and grief. It also makes the past come back to haunt the present as Taeko's former husband—deaf, decrepit vagabond Park (Atom Sunada)—returns to her. It puts emotions in a tizzy and relationships in a spin.

Film: **Love Life**

CINEMA WITHOUT BORDERS

In this weekly column, the writer introduces you to powerful cinema from across the world

At first, Park seems to add another layer of distress and awkwardness for the family in mourning but gradually becomes a device through which Fukada delves into the themes of guilt, responsibility, fidelity, abandonment, and betrayal. Taeko decides to take care of him, despite his trespasses, to atone for what she thinks are her own errors and lapses. So, what initially seems like the end of the road becomes, for her, the beginning of a new journey through penance to a possible redemption.

But, in doing so, isn't she overlooking and shutting herself off from the many knots that are beleaguering her marriage with Jiro? There's a lot that is complicated and unresolved in it, what with Jiro afflicted with his own demons from the past. Fukada brings the growing estrangement in a marriage under the scanner in a way that is acutely observational yet politely distant at the same time. He is masterful in pivoting the narrative on such contradictions - the immense turmoil inherent in the situation is evoked with a touch of placidity in the tone and tenor. The searing is encased in the soft, the morbid underlined with the mellow. It helps the film steer clear of sentimentality and gain poignancy and profundity.

A similar contrariety marks other aspects of his filmmaking as well - the feverish action in the background playing off against the stillness of the foreground or the hubbub amid friends, family and neighbours as opposed to the tranquillity of personal introspection. The filmmaker excels in portraying the distances creeping up between individuals despite their shared anguish.

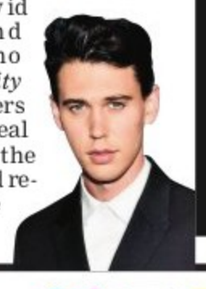
Long after having watched the film a dialogue—about how there can be no safeguards against mortality—continues to haunt me: "Saving people doesn't mean they don't die". *Love Life* encompasses this gist of human existence. And, in the face of this reality, it's about continuity, faith, hope, healing, and rediscovering the ability to communicate, the true mileposts in the circle of life.

Austin Butler to star in *City On Fire*

CE FEATURES

OSCAR-nominated Austin Butler has joined the cast of the upcoming epic crime drama, *City On Fire* based on a Don Winslow novel. Butler is expected to be seen as Danny Ryan, an aspiring New England gangster, who battled rival gangs, the local police and the federal government and matures from a street thug to a ruthless gang leader.

In the book, which spans decades and is based on the epics of Ancient Greek mythology, a modern-day Helen of Troy incites a full-scale conflict between the two dominant crime families of New England—one Irish and one Italian.



Butler, David Heyman, and Shane Salerno will produce *City on Fire*. Makers are yet to reveal details about the production and release of the film.

Brahmastra director reveals plans for sequel and triquel

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Ayan Mukerji has shared some details on the his *Brahmastra* trilogy, including the status of the project and when will the next two installments will hit the theatres. While *Brahmastra Part Two: Dev* will release in December 2026, the third part will release in December 2027.

In a note, the director wrote, "After absorbing all the love and the feedback on *Part One* I have been focused on creating the vision for *Part Two and Part Three*, which I now know will be bigger and more ambitious that *Part One*. I have decided that we are going to make the two films together! Allowing them to also release closer together!

Ayan also hinted that he got to work in a "special movie" which he will be directing first before moving to the *Brahmastra* films. However, the director did not share the details of his new film. "An opportunity that challenges me and terribly excites me, one where I will learn, be inspired and where I will grow," he wrote. *Brahmastra: Part One-Shiva* released in 2022 and starred Ranbir Kapoor, Alia Bhatt, Mouni Roy, Amitabh Bachchan, Nagarjuna among others.